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Pensioner died after getting off a bus

AN 87-year-old woman died after falling as she got off a bus that had a defective kneeling platform, an inquest heard.

Nancy Willetts suffered a head injury in the fall as she stepped off the single-decker, travelling between Dudley and Merry Hill shopping centre.

The inquest at Dudley Coroner's Court heard the kneeling platform on the bus, lowered to help elderly or disabled people board the vehicle, was not working.

Keith Williams, who was driving the 243 bus, said he had reported the platform issue but was told it was allowed to run.

He told Dudley Coroner's Court: "I remember Miss Willetts getting on the bus. She had a trolley. I offered to help her get on but she declined."

Mr Williams said she again refused to be helped as she left the bus. He added: "She put her trolley on the pavement but then she stepped on to the back wheel of the trolley and fell."

Miss Willetts, a retired waitress of Apperley Way, Halesowen, was left unconscious following the accident on July 11 last year. She was taken to Russells Hall Hospital and died that night.

A letter from National Express to Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said the company now made sure buses without working kneeling platforms were not used, regardless of their age.

Mr Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Death ruled an accident

A VERDICT of accidental death was recorded on a Stourbridge care worker who suffered severe injuries after the car she was travelling in hit a wall and a tree. Samantha Jennings, 26, died in the smash along the A449 at Cookley. She was not wearing a seatbelt, the hearing heard.

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WHITE RULE FOR TAXIS WILL STAY

by Lee Watton

CONTROVERSIAL rules limiting taxi drivers to using only white-coloured cars are unlikely to be changed despite a protest bringing streets around Dudley to a standstill, a senior councillor said.

Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association is battling to persuade Dudley Council to rethink its regulations on car colour. Rush-hour traffic ground to a near-halt as cabbies staged the go-slow demonstration in the town on Monday (15) before a meeting of the full council. The association lost a vote of Dudley Council's taxi committee last month to abolish the rule and have threatened legal action.

'Superhuman Samaritan' in crash drama

AN almost superhuman Samaritan lifted a car off a driver who was trapped underneath after the man was thrown from the vehicle in a crash.

Father-of-three Dale Crowley said he did not know where the strength had come from to lift the car off the driver, who was seriously injured after the vehicle had hit a lamppost and a garden wall in Colesey.

The 33-year-old was the first on the scene, along with his partner Lisa Flavell, following the early morning crash outside his home in Siddons Road.

The car, a Peugeot 406, had come to a stop in the middle of the street.

A passenger who was in the car escaped with only minor injuries but when Mr Crowley rushed outside after hearing a huge bang he realised another man was trapped under the car.

"I don't really know how I did it but I could see he was caught underneath the engine and I managed to lift the weight off him and push the car back around a metre or so," said Mr Crowley, who works in double glazing. "I suppose it was just the adrenaline and the fact I knew I had to help him."

Mr Crowley checked the man was still breathing and sat talking to him until paramedics arrived.

Police, paramedics and firefighters from Tipton were all called to the scene following the crash at around 1.30am on Saturday.

Members say white cars are more expensive because of the popularity of the colour – with some forced to respray their cars to comply with the rule. They want a second colour to be introduced.

But despite the protest, members of the taxi committee said the matter was unlikely to be discussed again in the short-term and any possible change could be years away.

Committee member Councillor Jackie Cotterill said: "I don't believe this will come before the committee again at any time in the near future. Of course it will be looked at again periodically as regulations always are but this will not be in the immediate term."

Reviewed

Councillor Cotterill said she did not believe the issue would be reviewed again within the next year now a decision had been made. "There were very good reasons the vote went this way. It could even be up to two years before the policy is reviewed again," she added.

The council says having a single colour scheme allows customers to safely identify fully licensed private taxis.

Vice-chairman of the committee Councillor Adam Aston said he had voted for the introduction of a two-colour scheme.

"The existing policy is quite old now so it was right we looked at it again."

Chairman of Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association Shaz Saleem, who runs two taxi bases, said he was pleased with the turn-out at the protest and did not apologise for the disruption.

"More than 1,000 people have signed a petition which shows how many feel the same way about this."

"We just want the council to introduce a second colour and make it fairer for drivers trying to make a living." He said further demonstrations had not been ruled out.

Skye's the limit for rare breed



Suzanne Conway, from Hill Street, Upper Gornal, with her rare breed Skye terrier Dougie

HE'S one of only a handful born in the country in the last year, but little Skye terrier Dougie will be helping publicise his rare breed as a show dog.

The treasured pet is only 19 weeks old and his diary is already filling up fast. Following the recent showing of one of their other dogs at Crufts, owners Nick and Suzanne Conway are keen Dougie should follow suit.

The terrier is so under threat that just 44 puppies were born last year. Mrs Conway,

aged 45, said: "We have high hopes for him. "I think he's the best thing since sliced bread but then I'm biased because he's my dog."

Dougie, who will grow to about 10 inches high, is being trained twice a week at ringeriff clubs in Walsall and Pensnett for his first show in Bath on May 24.

Mr and Mrs Conway, who live on Hill Street in Upper Gornal, already had six Shih Tzu and two puppies but when they saw a Skye terrier they knew they had to have one.

Crossing plans for safety of students

A NEW crossing will be installed for students at Dudley College's new £18 million vocational campus after concerns were raised about their safety on a busy road.

Bosses are concerned the lives of students visiting the Dudley Evolve campus could be in danger when they cross The Broadway.

They want to install a puffin crossing to provide a safe place for the 1,500 students, who attend the centre, to walk.

The plans have been submitted to Dudley Council and transport boss Judy Foster said ward councillors, police and residents had been consulted.

It is expected work will start on the crossing, which is being paid for by the college, during the summer in time for the next academic year.

A final decision is due to be made on the scheme by Councillor Foster at a meeting on April 23.

The college's director of finance Gary Turton said: "The safety of our students and staff is paramount. The provision of the proposed new crossing will ensure pedestrians moving between sites within the Learning Quarter have a safe place to cross The Broadway."

"We are pleased that the plans have been supported," he added.

Plan to slow rat run road

PLANS are being drawn up to slow down traffic on a "rat run" used by motorists avoiding a busy junction.

Oakham Road, which runs through Dudley and Tividale, became clogged with traffic when work to remove the Burnt Tree island started in 2009.

Since the new junction opened in 2011 drivers have continued to use the route along Oakham Road prompting complaints.

Dudley Council plans to introduce traffic calming measures on the road.



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Crash victim was not wearing a belt



Samantha Jennings

A DUDLEY care assistant who was killed when the car she was in ploughed into a tree was not wearing a seatbelt, an inquest heard.

Samantha Jennings was in the front passenger seat of the black, Vauxhall, Astra when it crashed on the A449 at Cookley on December 8.

Worcestershire Coroners Court last week heard neither

the 26-year-old, of Aldridge Close, Stourbridge, or two men travelling in the car had been wearing seatbelts when the car crashed.

The inquest was told Miss Jennings' boyfriend Thomas Whitehouse had been driving and their friend Leander Mock was on the back seat.

Mr Geraint Williams said no alcohol had been found in Mr Whitehouse's blood but

cannabis was detected. However, he said it was not known when this had been taken.

Mr Williams said police could not say for certain what had happened. Mr Williams said tests on the vehicle had revealed no mechanical faults but had confirmed none of the occupants had been wearing seatbelts. The inquest heard from Mr Mock who said he had

called Mr Whitehouse and Miss Jennings earlier in the day and asked them to meet him in Stourbridge. Mr Mock said he had felt "a bump" before the car started to skid. He said he had blacked out.

A statement from Mr Whitehouse said he could not remember the events of the crash. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Firm gets £14,000 bill after man falls

AN iron foundry has been landed with a court bill of more than £14,000 after a worker fell on a platform above a conveyor belt containing molten metal.

Anthony Latham escaped with bruising to his shoulder, arm and neck during the incident in Brierley Hill but health and safety chiefs said he could easily have fallen backwards into the molten metal stream.

Brockmoor Foundry Company Limited of Leys Road, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaching the Health & Safety at Work act at Dudley Magistrates Court last week after failing to carry out risk assessments at the factory.

The firm was charged following the incident in October 2011 when Mr Latham, aged 41, of Tipton, fell on a platform above a conveyor belt containing molten metal at 1,400C.

John Glynn, prosecuting on behalf of the HSE, said: "The incident was entirely avoidable."

Gary Lewis, defending, said: "The company has a dedicated health and safety manager and they take such incidents very seriously."

The firm was fined £10,400 for the breach and ordered to pay £4,000 costs.

Bid for gym is approved

AN outdoor gym to be used by patients and staff will be built in the grounds of Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital after the scheme was given the green-light.

New equipment worth thousands, including assisted pull-up machines and chest presses, will be installed at the site, off Pennsnett Road.

Dudley Council officials approved the scheme by delegated decision.

Patients recovering from illnesses or operations will be able to use the new gym as part of their rehabilitation.

Having your say

THERE will be a chance for people from areas of Stourbridge and Cradley to have their say about local issues at a forum on St George's Day. The event, due at Amblecote Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Stourbridge, on April 23 from 6.30 to 8.30pm, is organised by Dudley Council.

Man, 36, posed as boy to get pictures of girls

A DUDLEY man who posed as a schoolboy on social network sites to chat up young girls and persuade them to send him indecent photographs has been jailed for 18 months.

Lee Heathcock, aged 36, exchanged BlackBerry Messenger posts with children as young as 11, talked about his school, used an image of a teenage boy as his profile picture, and adopted text speak acronyms to convince victims they were in touch with a child.

Heathcock, who police say is a prolific Dudley criminal, admitted 11 charges, including inciting children to engage in sexual activity and pornography and possessing indecent images.

He asked for six more offences to be taken into consideration. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard officers from West Midlands Police's Public Protection Unit had painstakingly searched more than 20,000 messages on his phone and uncovered more than 400 conversations with children.

Encouraged
Once Heathcock felt he had struck up a relationship, his conversations with the children became sexual and sent indecent images and he encouraged the children to do the same.

Police found evidence of him exchanging sexually explicit images and chat with several youngsters from across the UK and overseas. Five of these girls were aged 12 and one was just 11.

Heathcock was jailed for 18 months, placed on the Sex Offender's Register for 10 years and banned from working with children.

The investigation began when Heathcock, a convicted burglar of no fixed address, was arrested by an off-duty police officer at a petrol station.

He had been wanted for recall to prison since October 2011.

The teen picked up a rock and smashed the back window of a Vauxhall Zafira, a few minutes later he and his gang launched a fence post at a car driven by a woman, the court heard.

The teen and his two friends also threw a bin lid at another car.

The schoolboy pleaded guilty to three acts of criminal damage and to assault on a 13-year-old boy. Magistrates sentenced him to an 18-month rehabilitation order and an 18-month supervision requirement. He will have to wear a tag with a curfew of 7pm to 7am seven days a week and was ordered to pay £780 compensation.

Stepping out to boost charity



Dudley Mayor and Mayoress Melvyn and Michelle Mottram start off the Stroke Association walk at the Dell Stadium before doing the first lap with the walkers

FUNDRAISERS took to the running track for a fun 5k challenge to raise money for a charity helping those recovering from strokes.

It was organised by people attending Dudley Stroke Association's weekly fitness classes at the Dell Stadium, Pensnett.

Classes have run for a year and members wanted to set themselves a challenge as well as raise cash for the charity.

About 20 people took part in the event, which was started by Mayor of Dudley Melvyn Mottram and his wife and Mayoress Michelle, who walked the first lap. Walkers were joined by workers from Dudley Stroke Association and park rangers. Organisers

are counting sponsor money and proceeds of a cake stall and tombola.

Charity trustee Anne Adams said they planned to make it an annual event after people completed as much as the walk as they were able to - some in stages.

She said: "It was so encouraging to see people who have had strokes walk around the track, even in short stages."

The mayor nominated the association as one of his charitable causes in his past year in office. People recovering from a stroke are also invited to join the Dell Fitness Class, which is organised through park rangers at the stadium each Wednesday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

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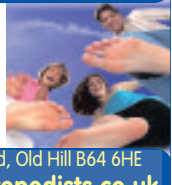
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Hospices to share out £60m

HOSPICES across the West Midlands have been granted a share of a £60 million to improve facilities.

Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge, Acorns Children's Hospice, Walsall and Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice are among those to benefit.

Hospices in the Midlands will be sharing £8.2 million. Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge will get just over £500,000.

David Prail, chief executive of Help the Hospices, today welcomed the investment and said it would make a "huge difference".

Acorns, which cares for hundreds of children across the Midlands, is set to receive a total of £453,000 with its Walsall site, in Walstead Road, Delves, getting £153,722.

The news comes just weeks after Acorns Children's Hospice, revealed it was aiming to expand over the next five years.

It hopes to reach out to 50 per cent more families by 2018 and will also create 150 more jobs.

David Strudley, chief executive of Acorns Children's Hospice, said he was delighted by the announcement.

Police seek limping man

A MAN with a limp has been identified as a suspect in a burglary in which Asian gold worth thousands was stolen.

The jewellery was taken along with thousands in cash during from a house on Sovereign Drive, Milking Bank, Dudley.

Police say they are now looking for a man with a limp. Pc Nick Slyn, from Dudley CID, said: "The victim is desperate for us to find whoever is responsible."

"The suspect has got a limp which is fairly prominent and appears to be a disability rather than a recent injury. I want to know who he is."

Fears over seal

A LOST seal nicknamed Keith, who took a wrong turn and swam 100 miles inland, is feared to have perished in the freezing weather after no reported sightings for a month. The 4ft seal, who is a female, has become a local celebrity in Bewdley and Stourport after she was spotted frolicking in rivers.

Owen had 'proper and careful treatment'



Tragica Owen Jeremy

SPORTY eight-year-old Owen Jeremy died from natural causes – despite "proper, careful and appropriate" treatment from hospital staff – after an asthma attack, a coroner has ruled.

During the emotional inquest – Owen's mother sobbed and clutched his favourite Scooby Doo toy.

The hearing was told the youngster panicked and tore off his mask after staff at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital gave him an adrenaline nebuliser to boost his intake of air.

Owen, of Primrose Hill, Wordsley,

went into respiratory arrest and died just after midnight on May 24, having been admitted to hospital the previous afternoon after suffering an asthma attack at school.

Earlier he had been playing football at Fairhaven Primary School, Wordsley, and the day before that he got his 50m swimming badge.

Owen's mother, Rowena, whose job with the Met Office includes looking at the effect of weather conditions on health, said, when they first arrived at hospital, Owen was "playful and chatty". But it had been "unbearably

hot" in the children's ward, where there was only one fan between two beds, and her son developed a dry cough and was very red.

"When it was hot or humid he would always get very wheezy and at home we had a fan heater air cooler to keep the house at a normal temperature," she said.

Mrs Jeremy, now of Clock Tower View, Wordsley, said Owen's condition changed at about 10pm. "He was very scared – he was scared about being in hospital, scared he was going to die, scared to have a needle put in him."

Miss Anna Diamond, representing the family, questioned staff closely during the five-hour inquest in Smethwick about Owen's treatment, including the heat on the ward and the decision to give him an adrenaline nebuliser after he panicked, and refused to let a doctor insert an intravenous line for medication.

But Black Country Coroner Mr Robin Balmain, recording that Owen's death from acute asthma was natural causes, said: "It seems to me he has had extremely careful and competent treatment."

Parents seeking legal advice over 'disappointing' ruling

THE parents of Owen Jeremy have spoken of their "disappointment" at an inquest verdict that laid no blame at the door of the hospital where he was treated.

Owen's parents, Rowena and David Jeremy, are now considering whether to take legal action over Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital's treatment of him when he was admitted after an asthma attack.

Mrs Jeremy, of Clock Tower View, Wordsley, said, despite a "natural causes" verdict in which the coroner described Owen's care as being "proper, careful and appropriate", she has been told the hospital's own inquiry has ruled the effectiveness of nebulisers used by the youngster's treatment with nebulisers was not evaluated.

She said she was told by the hospital that an order has been issued to staff on the children's ward to make sure the effectiveness of nebulisers is evaluated and documented, as one of the "learning points" from the tragedy.

"We are disappointed by the inquest verdict and that the coroner did not feel there was any neglect," said Mrs Jeremy, aged 38, who works for the MET Office.

"We are now working with our legal team to see where we go from here. Key for us is the monitoring of the effectiveness of treatment with nebulisers." The inquest, in Smethwick last week, heard Owen was given at least four nebulisers of Salbutamol,

by Louise Jew

used to open up the air passages in the lungs, before it was found to be having little effect.

An attempt by a doctor to insert an intravenous line for medication failed when Owen, who had told his mother he was "scared of dying", panicked.

When staff then gave him a nebuliser containing the stress hormone adrenaline, he ripped off his mask, went into respiratory arrest and died just after midnight on May 24. Owen was the only child of 38-year-old Mrs Jeremy and her husband, aged 41.

Paula Clark, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Any death of a patient is tragic but a child's death is particularly so. We would like to take this opportunity once again to express our sincere condolences to the family of Owen Jeremy."

"A thorough review was undertaken and the Trust acknowledges the coroner's verdict."

Jobseekers boxing clever for work



Coach Kevin Dillon with Roxanne Kerrigan and other students who did a boxing course to help find themselves a job

JOBSEEKERS got the chance to sharpen their fitness while earning a qualification aimed at helping them find work during a course at a boxing club.

The three-day event was organised by Stourbridge College and took place at Lions Boxing Club in Brierley Hill.

Eight people looking for work were offered the chance to gain a free Level One Boxing Development Award. They also got the chance to earn a qualification

to help them in their search for work. Alongside a two-hour boxing training session, candidates took part in three-hour theory sessions each day.

Bosses at Stourbridge College developed the course after staff at the boxing club said many visited to keep fit while unemployed. The eight people taking part in the course were chosen by the club.

Employability manager at Stourbridge College, Shaun Hall, said: "We

work closely with Lions Boxing Club to deliver sports courses to our 16 to 18-year-old students.

"They mentioned a lot of people attend the club especially to keep fit while they are unemployed and looking for work."

"We thought it would be great if we could tailor a course to suit them."

Among those taking part was gym user Roxanne Kerrigan, who said: "I enjoyed the course."

Video evidence plan

West Mercia Police could soon be regularly giving their evidence over a video link at court hearings. Police officers are often called to give evidence at criminal trials and have to take time out of their duties or use time off to do this. Supt Kevin Purcell, of the Wyre Forest, Redditch and Bromsgrove districts' team, said officers may be giving evidence over a video link at a venue away from the court in future.

This would save time and money for the force, he added.

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THE First World War kicked off in Bosnia. Argentina invaded the Falklands. North Korea is threatening to attack Guam. It is a worrying theme of history that wars tend to start in places you can't find on the map.

A SURVEY reveals that the worst thing you can say to a plump but non-pregnant woman is: "When's the baby due?" At least it's better than: "Twins, is it?"

GIRL Guides have voted overwhelmingly for the Sun to scrap its Page 3 nudes. I bet they are pushing at an open door. Rupert Murdoch hinted only a few weeks ago that he was considering the future of the tabloid's daily diet of flesh. If mighty Murdoch bows to the will of the Girl Guides it will win him a little credit in these dodgy, post-Leveson times.

TALKING of which, hasn't it all gone very quiet on the proposed Royal Charter to regulate the Press? We seem to have reached the stage where most politicians support it but most of Fleet Street seems unwilling to sign up to it. Maybe if we are all very, very quiet, it'll go away.

I DID not much care for Maggie Thatcher or some of the changes she wrought. But I find it odd that so many people who were barely out of their prams when she was in power have such violent opinions about her. If you can't remember the 1970s, you are entitled to your opinion but your rage is purely bogus.

SO FAREWELL, Paris Brown, the 17-year-old "youth police and crime commissioner" (no, I don't remember voting for them either). She has resigned after messages she posted on Twitter were denounced as racist and homophobic. Part of me feels sorry for her. We all do stupid things as kids and it was a lot easier in a pre-Twitter age to be forgiven and to move on. These days, one daft, drunken remark can haunt you for ever.

THEY say daylight is the best disinfectant. Press exposure of compensation claims made by thousands of police officers reveals that something is rotten in the system and must be cleansed. We now know that about 2,000 officers a year are being awarded damages, often for slipping, tripping or falling on private property while responding to 999 calls. And in each of those 2,000 cases, we are seriously supposed to believe it was all somebody else's fault. Do you buy that? Me neither.

ANYWAY, Home Secretary Theresa May has ordered a review of police compensation and not before time. But she will have a hell of a job dismantling this well-established little arrangement which seems to benefit just about everyone except the person who dials 999. Officers are encouraged to claim by the Police Federation which, like all trade unions, likes to offer its members occasional sweeteners. No win/no fee lawyers obviously benefit from the business coming their way. The insurance industry is happy to settle these cases, rather than fight them in court, because it knows it can recover the money by hiking premiums. And the poor customer is stuck with his insurer because once he's claimed on his policy, no other company will touch him. It seems plain wicked that people who are the victims of crime should find themselves sued by officers coming to their aid. But just because something is wicked, that doesn't make it illegal. As any cop will tell you.

THIS gem is from the Daily Telegraph obituaries page this week: "William Moody: Qualified funeral director and embalmer who made a career change to enthrall wrestling fans as Paul Bearer." A classic of the genre.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Students' business skills put to test



Organisers Aman Shergill, Tracey Curran, Abi Worsey, Kimberley Hamilton and James Greenway

DUDLEY College students are putting their business skills by having to organise a glitzy charity ball at a hotel.

Money raised by the black and white themed ball and auction at The Village Hotel, in Castlegate Park, will be donated to Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

It has been painstakingly planned over the last few weeks by students from Dudley College taking HNC

business studies. They have booked live entertainment for the event on Friday including a performance from singer Becky Neale.

Guests will have the chance to bid on top prizes during the auction at the hotel, off Birmingham Road.

These include a round of golf for four at Stourbridge Golf Club, a spray-tanning party, hairdressing experience, a Nikon digital camera, a coffee maker, tickets to Wolves

Speedway and a signed pennant from West Bromwich Albion. Hospice head of fundraising, Vicki Rowles, said: "We are touched by their level of engagement and commitment. Tickets for the event are priced at £25 each which includes a hot and cold buffet. Tickets are on sale at The Mary Stevens Hospice Charity shop, High Street, Stourbridge. For all enquiries call Kim on 07505 561531.

Mother waits in Korea as rumours of war rise

DUDLEY mother Irina James is waiting "on tenterhooks" with her bags packed ready to flee South Korea in the wake of sabre-rattling war talk from the country's northern neighbour.

Irina recently moved from Norton, in Stourbridge, to the South Korean capital of Seoul.

The former language co-ordinator at Halesowen College is now based at an international school in Seoul. The school, where she is head of languages, has advised pupils and staff to be packed ready to evacuate to Thailand if the threat from North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un is stepped up.

German-born Irina, who is in her mid-50s, said: "We are on tenterhooks here. Bags packed, ready for evacuation to Thailand."

"It's tense, but we are still sitting tight."

"Business as usual. We foreigners have, hopefully, a ticket out of here, when push comes to shove."

"The South Koreans have nowhere to go. I am thinking of my colleagues, the kindest and most helpful people you could wish for."

"They have to endure these threats and odious rhetoric year after year."

"The South Koreans, although concerned, are a stoic lot. They have heard it all before."

"This time it is more

by Louise Jew

aggressive though."

Irina said people in Seoul were bracing themselves in case Kim Jong Un followed up his warlike gesturing with action.

"This is what we think will happen. From now onwards we can expect a rocket making its way to one of the islands," she said.

"Kim Jong Un's father did something similar a few years back."

"Because it is his father's birthday on April 15 and Kim Jong Un has opened his mouth wide, something has to happen, otherwise he will lose face before his people."

"People in Seoul are OK at the moment. We have all registered with our respective embassies and they would alert us about any imminent emergencies, measures and evacuation procedures."

Irina, who has two grown-up sons, was brought up in Berlin but came to England in 1987 and settled in Stourbridge.

She took up her present role in Seoul in October.

Carpenter injured in trip

A WORKER suffered a head injury in a fall at the new Tesco development in Stourbridge.

The carpenter, thought to be in his late-30s, was taken to hospital after he tripped and fell at the site of the car park being built, as part of the £50 million superstore at the town's Crown Centre. Five ambulances and a helicopter were called to the scene. West Midlands Ambulance Service had been told the worker was unconscious. The man was taken by ambulance to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and is believed to be stable. Mark Glover, project manager for Bowmer and Kirkland, said: "We are carrying out an investigation into what happened."

Vandals shoot at windows



Reverend Simon Falshaw by the damaged stained glass memorial window

VANDALS have shot holes in a stained glass church window installed as a memorial to soldiers who died in the Second World War.

Worshippers at Christ Church, High Street, Lye, were devastated to find six bullet-shaped holes had been made in the ornate window, including one in the arm of a soldier depicted on the glass.

Although the glass is protected by a wire mesh to stop bricks, the protection was not enough to prevent airgun pellets.

The window is engraved with the names of men from the town who were killed during the war. It is believed to have been installed in the early 1950s as a lasting

memorial. Rev Simon Falshaw said every one had been very upset by the attack on the window but pledged it would be repaired.

"The window was shot with an airgun which has made six or seven holes in the glass," he said. "It is a beautiful window. It really is devastating someone would do this."

"Repairs will be carried out but it may be a long process. Most of the costs will be covered by insurance but there will be an excess to pay of between £500 and £1,000."

Rev Falshaw said people could contribute to the repairs if they wished by calling him on 01384 423142.

Councils teaming up to help find jobs

COUNCILS across the Black Country are to join forces on a new multi-million pound project to help people in the region find work.

Authorities have drawn up the Black Country Growth Opportunities, Local Delivery scheme known as Gold to look at ways to support cash-strapped businesses hit during the current economic crisis.

Each council will commit up to £147,000 which will be fed into wider multi-million funding projects, some backed by European cash, to re-invigorate the region's business sector.

Speaking of the overall investment plans, Wolverhampton regeneration boss Councillor Peter Bilson said: "Collectively these projects have the potential to make a significant and positive impact on economic growth, job and employment opportunities in the city."

The Gold scheme will use money to pay for advice clinics, workshops and grants. Council officials said the three-year programme aims to provide support for businesses.

MP makes a school visit

AN MP has visited school pupils ahead of the arrival of their new headteacher.

Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, took a tour of Peter's Hill Primary School, Ambecote, near Stourbridge, to speak with pupils about their time at the school and their aspirations for secondary school and beyond.

She chatted to five year six pupils at the school about their interests including horse riding, dance, music and choir, swimming and rugby during the visit last month.

The school's new headteacher, Dr Neil Hopkin, started on April 15.

Woman is freed

AN injured woman had to be cut free after a car and taxi collided at the junction of St James's Road and The Parade, Dudley, at about 6.45am on Friday. The woman, aged 55, was freed from the car and taken to hospital. The male drivers of the car and the taxi were unhurt.

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Maternity unit set to get £41,000

A MATERNITY unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will get a £41,000 revamp to help women receive "the best possible care" thanks to a Government grant.

Cash will be spent on refurbishing the Midwife Led Unit (MLU) to create a "homely" setting for mothers-to-be. It is offered to pregnant women, who are considered low risk, as an alternative to home birth.

The work will include fitting subdued lighting to resemble a star-lit sky, installing artwork and providing birthing balls, stools, mats and bean bags to add to the popular birth pool.

Active birth classes will be offered to help women familiarise themselves with the hospital's labour and birth equipment to help them feel less anxious about giving birth.

The hospital's maternity department received the cash as part of a nationwide £25 million Department of Health scheme to help improve maternity facilities.

Head of midwifery Steph Mansell said there had been an increasing demand on the hospital's maternity services, which reached more than 5,000 births in the 2011/12 financial year.

Matron Yvonne Jones said: "In the coming 12 months we intend to offer the MLU as an option to 'low-risk' women."

Yob attacks pensioners

AN elderly couple were attacked by a thug with an iron bar during a robbery in Netherton.

The victims, in their 70s, were walking along Knighton Road when they were approached from behind.

The elderly man was hit on the leg with the iron bar and the attacker demanded he hand over his wallet, he then hit the man's wife twice after saying he had no wallet.

The yob then grabbed hold of her handbag before jumping on to a BMX bike and cycling off at around 11.10pm on April 3.

Families wanted

THE hunt is on for families keen to join a trip to a picturesque French town to celebrate 25 years since it was twinned with a Kinver. Contact Sandra Dennick on 01384 873665 or Sarah Davies 01384 873016.



Lifting the Pot – brass casting in Dudley



Animated – Black Country comedian Tommy Mundon is the subject of the paintings



Vivid – Lloyds Butchers in Wall Heath

Meat, laughs and brass are all part of Black Country life

WHETHER it's metal workers raising scolding hot brass from a kiln at the Black Country Living Museum or butchers carve prime cuts to display in the shop window Dudley artist Keith Turley has captured them all.

Mr Turley has toured the region with his camera capturing people and places – and each scene has been recreated as a labour of love on canvas for the artist's latest exhibition.

And local comic Tommy Mundon gave his blessing to a painting of him telling gags on stage.

Mr Turley has painted many famous faces including Tommy Cooper, Ronnie Barker and Leslie Phillips.

But the 63-year-old former teacher has turned his easel to subjects closer to home for his latest exhibition called All in a Day's Work featuring around 60 paintings created over the past three years.

The exhibition at Himley Hall, near Dudley, runs until September 1 with Mr Turley hopeful of paying regular visits to chat about his work.

Photographs

"You can't beat painting, it's my life nowadays and I love it," said the father of two from Heathbrook Avenue, Wall Heath.

Many of his images are painstakingly created over around four weeks using an extensive range of photographs to help him capture his subject.

He asked Tommy Mundon if he would be one of his subjects for an exhibition he was putting together for the Dudley Society of Arts of which Mr Turley is a member.

"I asked him as I wanted to paint one of the Black Country's well-known people with local links for the exhibition and he was really chuffed actually," said Mr Turley.

It was painted as a triptych – a piece of art created over three canvases – after Mr Turley trawled DVDs of Tommy on stage to get the character of his performance as he told jokes for his audiences. The work measures 4ft by 3ft and is mainly acrylic.

"I wanted to create that little bit of animation in the piece and I think it works well," Mr Turley said. For his explosive work capturing a fiery kiln at the Black Country Living Museum, Mr Turley used more vivid oils. He watched one of the demonstrators Chris for around half-an-



Artist Keith Turley and cabinet member for environment and culture Tracy Wood, with some of his work on show at Himley Hall

hour taking pictures of the processes behind making horse brasses.

The painting, called Lifting the Pot, harks back to the Black Country's industrial heritage, some Mr Turley says was a main theme for his exhibition.

"I cherry picked various stages of the process so that I could capture all the stages and look to get the light shining off the face and apron," Mr Turley said.

He had noticed two shop scenes on his travels through his home village of Wall Heath – including being captivated by the vivid red meat in the window of his local

butchers. He approached David Lloyd, owner of the family butchers in Envile Road, after seeing their striking shop front packed with meats.

Mr Turley said he wanted the window reflection to feature in the piece as if people had spotted the scene on their walk through the village.

Persuaded

Another images show his local barber Brett watched by his cocker spaniel, Jarvis, as he cut a young boy's hair, complete with his busy staff in the background. His friend John Fox was persuaded to pose alongside

his fellow gardeners at Wall Heath Allotments. "I like to go out and observe people and paint what I see. There is lots of interesting things to see on your doorstep," said Mr Turley who was head of art at Ounsdale High School, in Wombourne during his four decades teaching. Mr Turley, who has a son called Paul 28 and 32-year-old daughter Laura, is an associate member of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, Birmingham Art Circle and Dudley Society of Artists.

The exhibition is open at Himley Hall, off Himley Road, from Tuesday to Sunday between 2pm and 5pm. Admission is free.

NEWS in brief

£500,000 to keep officers on beat

WEST Mercia Police will spend about £500,000 equipping officers with laptops or tablets so they can spend more time on the beat.

The force will give hundreds of its 2,100 officers the hardware so they can complete paperwork without having to return to their desks between jobs.

Superintendent Kevin Purcell said the cost would be repaid through savings, despite the force having to cut millions. He said: "Our biggest cost will always be officer hours and we must get maximum benefit for every hour we have."

Plans for cottages handed approval

PLANS to restore three former weavers cottages have been approved despite reservations from some councillors.

Wyre Forest District Council's planning committee approved plans for the 18th century properties in Horsefair, Kidderminster.

Although the plans were given the go-ahead, a number of members said this was only because it was the only option on the table.

Hospital trust is to shed 300 jobs

AROUND 300 clerical and administration jobs at Worcestershire's three hospitals are under threat as part of cost-cutting plans.

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Kidderminster Hospital, needs to save £60 million by 2017. Bosses at the Trust, which employs 6,000 people, says it needs to axe around 300 non-clinical posts.

Morrisons set to axe 700 workers

BACK Office staff at every Morrisons store – including 50 in the West Midlands – are under threat of losing their jobs as the supermarket looks to axe 700 posts nationwide in cost-cutting moves.

The company is rolling out new machines to replace manual cash-counting in its back offices.

Beer festival date

THE 38th annual Wolverhampton Beer Festival run by the local branch of CAMRA will take place from June 6 to 8 in the Wulfrun Hall. To help staff the event call Charlotte Coxon on 01902 341209.

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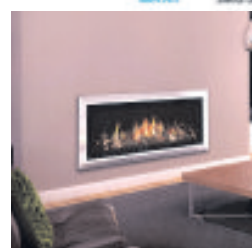
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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

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I TRIED the BBC's new social class calculator three times, and came up with three different answers. Apparently, I can't be "traditional working class" because I don't go to "gigs". But should anybody over 40 admit to going to "gigs" anyway? We go to concerts, surely?

According to the research, the "established middle class" are gregarious individuals with "high cultural capital", whereas the "technical middle class" are a "small distinct group that aren't so social, but are into emerging culture such as gaming, the internet and rock music". Or teenagers, as we used to call them.

Where it falls down for me is that it seems to be less about what you do, and more about who you know.

Now many of us will be members of special interest groups which can result in some very strange results. For example, if you are a member of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club, your circle of friends may well include a mixture of mechanics and millionaires.

And given that "journalist" is not among the 18 occupations identified in the questionnaire, it seems that half of my friends don't exist. But thirdly, what about all those casual acquaintances we might socialise with on a regular basis, without ever discussing work?

Looking down the list, I know a teacher, a nurse and a university lecturer. I think a chap I meet twice a year might be an electrician, but I could have that wrong. Does the bloke who owns an engineering works in Bilston count as a chief executive?

The survey seems to assume we all live our social lives around the dinner party circuit.

Maybe those who came up with the questions think that the "traditional working class" when not at gigs, spend their time hosting their special brand of dinner parties. You know, where people sit around the table quaffing cans of Special Brew while watching videos of Jeremy Kyle, and discussing the life of a shop assistant or a lorry driver.

But I can't help think that while the survey tells us much about the social background of those who work at the BBC, it says very little about the rest of us.

A SCIENTIST in Iran, that most progressive and forward-thinking of nations, has patented a time machine which he says enables him to see into the future.

Ali Razhegi claims his Aryayek Time Travelling Machine can see up to eight years ahead, and predict future events with 98 per cent accuracy.

Sadly for Mr Razhegi, I fear somebody has beaten him to it. For many years there has been a device around which can show any Iranians what their country will – with any luck – look like in 50 to 100 years' time.

It's called the plane out of Iran.



David Daly at the Baggeridge Tea Rooms where he also sells dog treats



David outside the tea rooms with his own dog Chip and one of his leads

Inventor David is leading the way

David Daly is enjoying global success with a safety device that could prevent dog bites as **WILL ACKERMANN** discovers

AS the co-owner of a park café, David Daly regularly enjoys chatting with dog-walkers over a cup of tea.

Now the entrepreneur from Swindon, near Wombourne, is experiencing global success with a product that could prevent more than one million dog bites every year.

David, who runs the Baggeridge Country Park Tea Shop with his wife Julie, is the inventor of a range of "behaviour sleeves" for the canine market. The "Gizapaw" products attach to harnesses and leads and use a colour coding system to indicate a dog's temperament, with green being 'safe' and red meaning 'caution'.

The idea is to stop people, particularly children, from petting a dog without knowing whether it is safe to do so.

Chatting

The former aerospace engineer has already sold around 1,600 units at trade shows, online and at the Baggeridge Country Park shop.

"It all started about two years ago when I was over Baggeridge Country Park with my daughters," says David, aged 42. "They went to stroke what appeared to be a friendly dog and the next minute it lurched at them. Fortunately the owner was prepared for it and pulled the dog back."

"I got chatting to him and his words were, 'He's fine with me but doesn't like kids. I could really do with some way of warning people.' This got me thinking and I went away and came up with several ideas to solve this problem, eventually settling on the Gizapaw concept due to its simplicity, yet effectiveness."

David used strategic support and mentoring from the Manufacturing Advisory



David Daly runs a business selling leads that warn of potential problems, as well as being co-owner of Baggeridge Tea Rooms. He is with his dog Chip

Service's New Product Development programme to help him during the early-stages of his venture, before turning to Wolverhampton-based LS Manufacturing for production of the animal behaviour sleeves, which are reversible and embroidered on both sides.

He has also used exhibitions such as Crufts, Interzoo and Winners in Amsterdam to generate overseas demand from clients in Australia, Canada, Germany, Holland, Spain and the US.

And already he is expanding the business into other markets. For example, he is looking at creating dog jackets and has also launched animal behaviour sleeves for the equine market. These can be fitted to the horse's head collar,

bridle nose band or tail to warn people that the animal is either a novice or a 'kicker'.

"Horse owners currently use a coloured ribbon plaited into the tail to indicate temperament, but only people who are used to dealing with horses know this," says David. "Our solution makes it easy for everyone to understand."

For his dog products, the entrepreneur has received a 1,000-strong order from Betterware, as well as a letter of intent from the RSPCA for 4,500 units for its rehoming centres across England. The animal charity has also agreed to promote the range.

David believes his products could help workers there identify what stage

of resettlement dogs are at, in turn helping to reduce the number of attacks and help the organisation negotiate a more cost-effective insurance policy.

"Thirty thousand dogs are taken into rehoming centres each year, but you don't really know the true temperament of that dog," he says. "You don't know what it's gone through. These stray dogs have been put out for a reason. This is why dog bites are going up."

"It allows the dog to settle into its new environment and it makes people aware. Sixty per cent of dog bites are through children not doing that."

In a further bid to nationally promote responsible dog ownership, David has also sent a sample to MP Owen Paterson, secretary of state for the environment. He is also holding discussions to try to get his products used by the army, the RAF, West Midlands Police and the National Association of Security Dog Users.

"This shows the flexibility of our products, which are patented in the UK," says David. "If the order is large enough, we can manufacture in different colours and the text can be different to suit the messages you are trying to get across."

Vision

If sales continue to rise, David's long-term vision is to bring manufacturing in-house at a dedicated factory in the West Midlands. But he says it is too early to make financial projections for the company.

"I just know from people I've spoken to this product at some stage is going to fly, but obviously it's early days," he says. "It's a labour of love and I know the product is making a difference."

MAS advisor David Nuttall also has faith in the innovation. He says: "David has shown tremendous determination in taking an exciting idea and turning it into commercial reality."

"There have been lots of challenges along the way, but his single-mindedness – mixed in with support from MAS – has ensured that he has overcome these and is now selling the product globally."

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

RAILWAY passengers were at the centre of drama when their train broke down and needed to be pushed to safety by an inter-city express train. Passengers on the Birmingham – Wolverhampton service were stranded near Tipton, but the Coventry – Manchester service shunted them six miles into the city.

COUNCILLORS in Birmingham were on the ball when they met their opposite numbers who were visiting from Belfast. The two groups of councillors took part in a football match at Birmingham City's training ground.

A WOMAN claimed she had been driven out of her Wolverhampton council home by a poltergeist. Mrs June Zachariasz claimed that on one occasion a milk bottle flew through the air, smashing on the wall.

1993...

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Netherton boy rushed to save his mother as she lay semi-conscious from an electric shock. Wayne Chancellor was praised by firemen for swiftly alerting relatives after he found his mum suffering convulsions caused by a faulty electric lead.

WOLVERHAMPTON-based construction firm Tarmac were awarded an £8.4 million contract by developers Don and Roy Richardson to design and build the next phase of the Waterfront complex at Brierley Hill. The development was expected to create around 500 jobs.

FAMILIES were flocking to cinemas across the Midlands to see a film made in 1967. Walt Disney classic *The Jungle Book* was re-released to widespread acclaim and immediately shot to the top of the British film charts.

2003...

A GRAND Theatre audience in Wolverhampton had to be sent home after a performance of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Cats* was interrupted by a power cut after just five minutes. Theatre bosses brought down the curtain when lighting and sound failed due to an electrical fault in a sub-station.

CROWDS of youngsters hoping to make a splash in a paddling pool were left high and dry when they discovered it had been drained. Council chiefs had decided to drain the pool in Tetterhall, Wolverhampton, for cleaning after complaints that it was being used as a toilet.

BOSSSES at the Black Country Living Museum launched a hunt to find a traditional baker. They warned visitors could end up going hungry at The Bakers Shop, one of the most popular attractions at the open-air museum.

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The consultation results were fascinating and showed us just over 50 per cent of people would be willing to pay more council tax to protect key council services.

It did not however, offer us a man-

Councillor should go for remark on Maggie

COUNCILLOR Steven Frear should resign from Sandwell Council.

This person chose to mark the death of our former Prime Minister, Baroness Thatcher, by posting a sick comment on social media glorifying in the lady's passing.

Whether we agree with Margaret Thatcher's politics or not the fact is she gave many years service to our country and deserves at least the same respect as any other former PM and in many people's opinion a heck of a lot more!

For an elected person to revel in the death of an old lady is repulsive and sickening.

This sorry excuse for a man should resign with immediate effect. The people of Sandwell deserve far better.

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LETTERS to the Editor

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Change of attitude was on the cards

BEFORE I had my heart attack on February 19, I had no interest at all in cards. Birthday cards were discarded.

Since entering Russells Hall, then New Cross Hospitals, I came to appreciate the views of other people. I had numerous cards and texts, as well as phone calls, all wishing me well. Two cards have pride of place in my collection - two hand drawn ones from two children who live just across the road from my wife and I.

These messages of goodwill are personal to me, I intend to keep them. What I cannot keep to myself are the feelings from me to the medical staff at Russells Hall and New Cross Hospitals. My surgeon was Mr Rehman, and I will be forever grateful to him and his team, and all the nursing staff, for the care that they gave me.

Medication caused me, at times, to be an "awkward patient", and for this I apologise.

I am getting better, and hope in the not too distant future, to be able to say that I can return to my old lifestyle.

PETER COLE
Chelford Crescent
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in the whole country. Council tax bills are now landing on doorsteps and some people have asked me why their bill appears to have gone up slightly if we have frozen council tax levels.

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Thatcher did put our interests first on EU

LIKE all of us, she did some good things, some bad things and despite her unshakable faith in her own infallibility, she made mistakes.

Two things she deserves to be especially remembered for, are the Falklands War and her unbending stance on the European Union.

Mrs Thatcher was the last Prime Minister to justifiably take this country to war. A British dependency had been illegally invaded and, quite rightly a British taskforce was deployed to liberate it.

In contrast, the Iraq invasion was illegal and the Afghan conflict is, at best, unjustified interference in another country's internal affairs.

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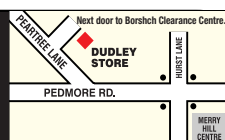
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NEWS

Funeral tribute to Diana is going up for auction

TWO historical pieces of royal memorabilia - including a signed copy of Earl Spencer's funeral tribute to Princess Diana are expected to attract plenty of interest when they go under the hammer this week.

The rare hardbound copy of Earl Spencer's eulogy is one of very few to have been presented by the man himself to guests on the day of the funeral in 1997.

It will be auctioned off in Wolverhampton by Cuttlestones this Friday.

Also on the auction list is a sheet from Queen Victoria's funeral, which dates back to February 2, 1902.

The single, folded sheet provides details of hymns sung during the service and is one of few in circulation today.

Tom Waldron, salesroom manager at Cuttlestones, said both lots would be of big interest to collectors of royal memorabilia.

"We're expecting quite a bit of attention for both," he added. "I've never seen the Diana funeral eulogy come up before - certainly not a signed copy."

"There are a few of these in circulation but they're very limited. The Queen Victoria service sheet is equally as rare although there's been quite a bit on repair gone on with it."

Despite their limited availability the two lots are only expected to fetch around £40 or £50, but Mr Waldron said the firm was erring on the side of caution with its valuations. He said: "It's hard to gauge how much people will bid as there's a certain type of market for royal memorabilia."

Order to move on jobs

POLICE officers in Stourbridge have been granted a dispersal order to deal with troublemakers. Officers from the Padmore and Stourbridge East policing team have been given the order to tackle anti-social behaviour around the Queensway area of Wollescote.

National award for nurse



From left, Staff Nurse Hayley Price, Sister Rebecca Turley and Head Nurse Sara Davis with her Nurse of the year award.

A DUDLEY nurse has won a national award for clinical excellence and working to improve patient care.

Sara Davis was presented with the Ward Sister of the Year accolade at this year's Nurse Awards in a ceremony held recently at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

She is lead nurse on the acute medical ward at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital where she has worked for 11 years. Mrs Davis, aged 42, from Kidderminster, was nominated for the award by patients, staff and management at the hospital. She was presented with her trophy by

Chief Nursing Officer of England Jane Cummings and TV presenter Fiona Phillips, who hosted the event. Mrs Davis was accompanied at the ceremony by her husband Nigel and hospital colleagues.

"It was a wonderful night and very humbling to be amongst such wonderful nurses," she said.

"I am very proud to have received it. To receive such wonderful support from patients and staff was very moving. I could not have achieved it without my team." The annual awards highlight and celebrate excellence in nursing and honours professionals.

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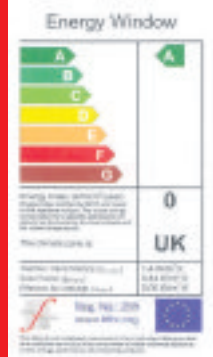
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NEWS

Hospice shop opens



Shop manager Dawn Spencer, front, with top from left, Lawnswood pub licensee Paul Brewin and hospice chief executive Peter Holliday outside the new charity store. STAFF and volunteers are celebrating the opening of a new shop that will raise vital funds for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

The ribbon was cut on the store in Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, by chief executive Peter Holliday and supporter Paul Brewin from The Lawnswood pub. The shop sells a wide range of clothing, books and bric-a-brac to generate cash towards the hospice in Hagley Road.

Simon Henwood, from the charity, said: "We are very pleased to open this shop and hope it will be a great success." The charity has opened a host of new shops including one in Brierley Hill High Street in January.

New figures claim crime in Midlands fell by 12pc

RECORDED crime across the West Midlands has plummeted by almost 12 per cent over the past year despite millions of pounds of budget cuts, latest figures claim.

by Shaun Jepson

The force has seen a fall in the number of burglary, robbery and business crime between the beginning of April last year and the end of last month, compared with the same period in the previous year.

Senior officers said crime levels were now half of what they were 10 years ago.

The annual figures show there were almost 23,000 fewer victims in the region, with 170,721 offences last year compared to the previous 12-month period when 193,542 crimes were committed.

That is despite the force having to make savings of £126 million before 2015.

Police said the reduction marked a drop of 11.7pc. They show there were 2,323 fewer burglaries, 1,803 fewer robbery victims and 6,937 fewer crimes against businesses.

Assistant Chief Constable Sharon Rowe described the crime figures as "promising" but vowed officers

would work to further drive down crime.

She added: "Policing has seen unprecedented changes both nationally and locally, presenting considerable challenges, but we've met those challenges head-on and the latest figures show West Midlands Police continues to perform extremely well."

"We've witnessed some terrible crimes recently in the West Midlands."

"No-one can overstate the devastating impact these incidents have on friends and family, and we appreciate the concern they spark in communities."

"However, it's important these shocking attacks are viewed in context."

"Crimes involving knives are down massively in the last decade and are now mercifully rare."

"It's easy to read about such terrible crimes and believe crime is on the up."

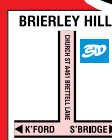
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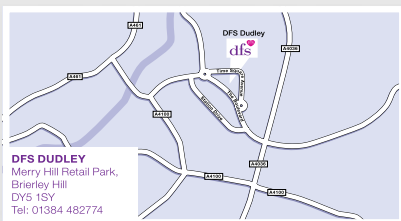
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NEWS

Salesman is fined over unneeded mobility goods

A SALESMAN who sold mobility equipment to elderly people that they did not need was "over-vigorous", a court was told.

Colin Moore worked on a commission basis for Mobility Healthcare UK Limited, and its sole director Anjum Khan, Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard.

The pair tried, unsuccessfully, to sell a Halesowen couple, aged 91 and 90, a stairlift for £4,550 instead of the £2,400 Stannah Lift Services Limited quoted for the same product.

The husband was immobile while his wife had arthritis and breast cancer, and poor mobility. Mr Robert Marshall, prosecuting the pair for Wolverhampton City Council trading standards, said they also suffered for being "trusting".

Moore, of Pringle Close, West Bromwich, and Khan, of Cubley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, each pleaded guilty to five charges of misleading commercial practices. Khan also pleaded guilty to five charges on behalf of Mobility Healthcare UK Limited, Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham.

Mr Gerard Brady, defending Moore, said: "He was over-vigorous in his actions."

Moore was fined £150 for each of his charges and a £15 victim surcharge and £388 prosecution costs. Khan was ordered to pay £200 on each charge as an individual, and £300 on each charge for the business.

He also ordered Khan as an individual to pay £15 victim surcharge and £388 prosecution costs. As a director of Mobility Healthcare UK Limited, Khan was further ordered to pay a £15 victim surcharge, £388 court costs and £2,350 compensation.

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Trust financial director Chris Dyché at the Bonded Warehouse

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bridge Navigation Trust following harsh winter weather and general wear and tear. Brickwork has been replaced while other bricks were replaced and new wooden window frames fitted during the six-week long project. Trust finance director Chris Dyché, aged 69, said he was very pleased with the renovation which aimed to breathe new life into the Grade II listed building.

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Don't be disappointed - choose Choices Windows

The home improvement market is changing and the demand for more choice in colour and suitability of PVC-U doors and windows is growing. Fashionable additions such as orangeries are increasingly desirable, as more people look for ways to improve their home.

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"I cannot stress enough how much pride we take in every window, door, conservatory, orangery we manufacture and install."

With its roots in manufacturing, the business started more than 19 years ago, and right from the very start an emphasis has been placed on supplying only the finest and most energy-efficient products, but still remaining affordable.

"Our commitment extends beyond the manufacturing process to the design and installation of doors, windows, conservatories, and other home improvement services," explains Nathan.

"For some customers we supply new windows and doors, for others we provide a complete home improvement service from building extensions and fitting kitchens, to designing and

installing conservatories and more recently Orangeries," says Nathan.

One tremendously satisfied customer is Rick Houghton. Having being recommended to Choices Windows by colleagues at work he employed them to carry out extensive work at his home, he is keen to share his experiences and commend the team involved.

"Every stage of the process was excellently planned and we received nothing but the best service from start to finish. The tradesmen were outstanding and we were so impressed that we handed over our keys and went on holiday whilst the work was being carried out."

Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

"We are so grateful to Nathan and his team for transforming our home into something we could only have dreamed of," remarked Rick.

Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

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More paramedics coming

DOZENS of extra paramedics and ambulance technicians are being recruited to attend 999 calls in the West Midlands.

The region's ambulance service is looking to bolster emergency crews to enable more patients to be treated at the scene instead of being taken to hospital.

Bosses are taking on 68 new staff, who are trained up to paramedic level. They will be boosted by a further 80 qualified paramedics who have graduated from university courses along with 24 additional ambulance technicians in September, while 21 of the ambulance service's existing staff will be trained to technician level.

The ambulance service has been working to steadily increase the number of paramedics in its ranks since 2009 when a shortfall in numbers was identified. This led to the bosses having to use private ambulance crews to attend calls to help them meet national targets.

Technicians

But since then, regular recruitment drives have been held and by April 2014 the service is expected to employ around 1,274 paramedics and about 618 technicians.

Kim Nurse, the service's executive director of workforce and organisational development, said: "We recognise that to provide excellent patient care, it is important to ensure we have the right number of appropriately

qualified staff at all levels within the trust. Our workforce plans are therefore regularly reviewed and aligned to respond to patient demand and services provided by our healthcare partners. This review has enabled us to create new job opportunities and provide training programmes that will ensure staff gain skills up to a registered paramedic qualification.

"Not only will these new staff be welcomed, existing staff who wish to develop their careers and gain new skills have been encouraged to apply for internal training programmes."

The ambulance trust was the first in the country to move all of its paramedic training to universities, which is seen as best practice. Meanwhile, lorry drivers are being trained in life-saving first aid.

Newly-wed wife found her husband, 38, hanged

A MAN was found hanged in his home on New Year's Day only weeks after he was married, an inquest has heard.

Garry John Bartlett, of Warwell Lane, Halesowen, was discovered by his wife Susan, just hours after they celebrated the start of 2013.

Mrs Bartlett said she had only known her husband, aged 38, since March last year and the two married on December 3.

She told Dudley Coroner's Court: "He was a good lad. He was happy-go-lucky and didn't seem depressed to me."

The inquest heard Mr Bartlett had previously been a supervisor at Biffa in Tipton but had lost his job due to disciplinary matters. Since then he had been unemployed, unable to work due to depression and anxiety, his wife said.

She said the two had seen in the new year before going to bed just after midnight. Later in the morning she had woken up alone and found him with an extension lead tied to the bannister and around his neck as he sat, lifeless, on the stairs.

The inquest heard Mr Bartlett, previously a heroin addict, had drugs in his system when a post mortem was performed. Black Country coroner Robin Balmmain said the toxicologist was unable to say what effect these may have had on Mr Bartlett's state of mind leading up to his death. He said: "This case is a puzzle as to why a husband should do this." A narrative verdict was recorded, saying that Mr Bartlett hanged himself without suspicious circumstances.

Age group exhibition

DUDLEY Age UK's Springboard group is holding a photography and art exhibition throughout this month, including a special activity day being held on April 24 at Stourbridge Library.

Springboard provides a wide range of activities and courses to improve mental and physical well-being.

At the activity taster day, the public can try their hand at some of the sessions and meet the tutors.

The event will begin at 9.30am, with the first session covering photography, massage and reiki.

Later sessions include a watercolour workshop.

Platinum pair celebrate 70th



Anne and Len Daniels celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary and with a picture of their wedding day in 1943 at the Sacred Heart Church

DUDLEY couple Len and Anne Daniels are celebrating their platinum wedding anniversary.

The couple, who live on the Russells Hall estate in Dudley are both aged 90, and met when they were 17 while working in a factory in Birmingham in 1940.

They married on April 10, 1943, at Sacred Heart Church in the Second City. The year before the wedding, Len, from Aston, had been called up to the army and he popped the question when he returned home on leave after saving up for an engagement ring.

After the Second World War he continued to serve the forces in the Middle East as Anne, originally from Mayo in Ireland, continued factory work.

From 1971 the happy couple were the licensees of a string of pubs across the region as they lived their dream job.

Among these were The Struggling Man, Buffery Park, Dudley; The Bee Hive, Halesowen; The Cross Keys, Rowley Regis and The Bird in Hand, Brierley Hill. They retired from the trade in 1981.

Drug addict dealer jailed for two years

A drug dealer who sold cocaine to fund his own addiction has been jailed for two years. Reece Dunkley was spotted by police, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

When he fled officers chased him, and when caught, Dunkley, aged 22, of Central Drive, Dudley, was found to have £640 of cocaine in two bags.

Miss Joanne Barker, prosecuting, said he was also found to be in possession of two bags of a cutting agent that would have increased the street value of the drugs to around £2,000. Dunkley admitted having a controlled drug with intent to supply.

Mr Steven Bailey, defending, said Dunkley had developed a "catastrophically" high addiction to cocaine that had "got out of control". "He has learned his lesson and he has significantly reduced his use of the drug," he said.

But Judge Martin Walsh said only immediate custody would be an appropriate sentence.

MEP to talk in the local

AN MEP who caused a stir by quoting Oliver Cromwell at the president of the European parliament in Brussels will be letting rip in a Stourbridge pub.

Roger Helmer, MEP for East Midlands and UKIP's energy spokesman, will talk at the Britannia Inn, High Street, Wollaston, on May 13 at 7pm.

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Day 2: Breakfast, before we go to the Bank of England visitor centre. The historical displays include the Bank's own collections of books, silver, paintings, banknotes, coins and photographs, plus a display of gold, including roman and modern gold bars. We go across town to the dome of St. Paul's, inside we meet our guide and soak up the Cathedral's interior and hear stories about its history.

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Day 2: After breakfast, we head for the charming market town of Chesterfield in the Peak District which is on our route home. Chesterfield's ancient and colourful market is on today so have a browse while you're here. Don't miss the town's famous crooked spire of the Church of St. Mary and the Museum on St. Mary's Gate very close to the Church is well worth a visit. After a good time in Chesterfield we leave for home.

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Day 5: After a last, breakfast, we travel home.

Price includes: 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast plus trips out. SS £20

Coach departs: Mon 22nd July £189

NEWS

Baby milk rationed by region's supermarkets

SUPERMARKETS across the region are rationing powdered baby milk after a surge in demand in China led to some customers bulk-buying to send tubs overseas.

Stores including Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Tesco are limiting customers to two tubs each.

Danone, the manufacturer of Aptamil and Cow & Gate baby milk powder, has advised the supermarkets to impose the limit to prevent people from bulk-buying for "unofficial exports".

Sales of foreign baby milk have rocketed in China since a locally manufactured formula laced with the industrial chemical melamine killed six infants and caused another 300,000 to fall ill.

Earlier this year, shops in Australia were forced to restrict sales of infant formula, as Chinese customers and tourists bought them in bulk.

Authorities in Hong Kong also introduced restrictions in February, banning travellers from leaving the territory with more than 4lb of formula.

Last month, 10 people were arrested there for trying to smuggle more than the allowed amount into mainland China.

Staff at Tesco stores in Walsall and Burnt Tree, Dudley, said they were imposing a limit after receiving directions from bosses.

Danone said in a statement: "We understand that the increased demand is being fuelled by unofficial exports to China."

Jaguar sales are roaring

Record-breaking West Midlands car-maker Jaguar Land Rover has revealed its strongest-ever global sales figures, with more than 115,000 of its luxury motors sold around the world this year. The company's rocketing growth has already seen it increase the size of its new engine plant, being built in Wolverhampton, doubling the workforce to 1,400.

Otter plaque unearthed



Trainee keeper Jo Turner with the plaque found in the otter enclosure.

A SPRING clean at Dudley Zoo has unearthed a plaque presented to the zoo by TV legend Johnny Morris that is more than 20 years old.

The plaque, presented to the zoo 22 years ago, was discovered by zoo keepers as they were cleaning behind the otter enclosure.

It had been awarded to the zoo in 1991 for its innovative otter enclosure. Section leader Jay Haywood said: "The award was for preserving a natural environment for the otters, which still stands today."

"None of the otter team keepers were working here then, so it was interesting for us to find out about it, and we are hoping to reinstall the plaque so visitors can see it."

The award was presented by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare and named Dudley Zoo the joint winner of the prize for the enclosure.

Designed in-house by keepers, the large hillside enclosure featured a glass frontage and included an artificial stream and ponds creating a natural environment for the Asiatic short-clawed otters - considered to be highly innovative at the time.

In June 1991, TV entertainer Johnny Morris, best known for the TV programme Animal Magic, visited the zoo to present the plaque.

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NEWS

Traders angry at 'being kept in dark' on works

FURIOUS traders in a Dudley village claim they were kept in the dark about the closer of a main road for emergency works.

Workers have sealed off Zear Street, Lower Gornal to carry out vital repairs after a major water main started to leak.

The closure, between Redhall Road and Abbey Road. A diversion route had been set up along Redhall Road, Himley Road and Bull Street.

Traders in the village said while they understood the closure had to be put in place quickly most had been left in the dark over what was happening.

And they are counting the cost of the road closure with trade plummeting as motorists avoided the village because of the long diversion.

Abbey Road Butchers owner Russ Pearce said he had lost around 25 per cent of his daily trade and expected it to be the same while the closure was in place.

"I know this was an emergency and the road had to be closed quickly but some notification would have been helpful," he said.

"One of the workers just coming down and explaining the situation would have been enough. But there was nothing."

"I was on my own in the shop so could not go up and ask for myself. It really has killed trade in the village."

"It is a very long diversion route with drivers having to turn around at the roundabout on the Himley Road to come back down and turn right into the village."

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said signs were usually put up announcing road closures well in advance but that had not been possible because it was emergency work.

Planned homes approved

PLANS for the first new homes on the site of a former British Sugar factory have been approved subject to conditions. Bovis Homes want to build an initial 30 homes on the Stourport Road site, Kidderminster while Taylor Wimpey want to build an initial four.

Big day for knight Mike



CBeebies character Mike the Knight appears before hundreds of his fans at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre in Brierley Hill

MORE than 1,000 children and parents flocked to the Merry Hill Centre to meet television hero Mike the Knight.

The cheeky young knight-in-training, who is well-known to CBeebies fans, kept the children transfixed during his five shows at the shopping centre. The free shows were part of a programme by the Brierley Hill shopping centre to keep children amused over the Easter holidays.

Merry Hill's senior marketing manager Kelly Reed said: "We've had a brilliant day and we've had about 1,300 people at the five sessions. Mike the Knight is a hugely popular character."

Mike the Knight is driven by his

passion to help others and, along the way be the best knight he can be. With his father the King busy exploring faraway lands, Queen Martha has put Mike in charge of helping her protect the Kingdom of Glendragon.

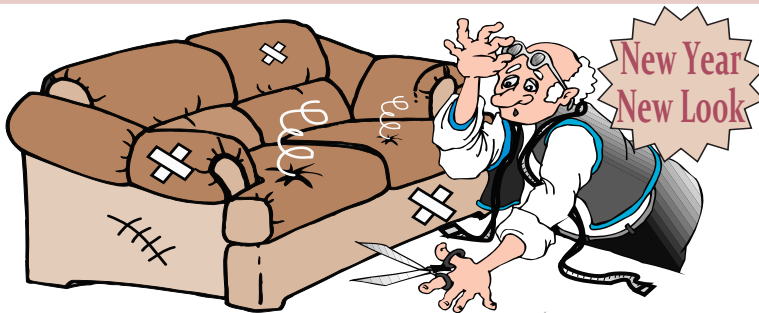
This meant the stage on the upper mall near Oasis was transformed into a story-telling adventure for the children involving castles, dragons, vikings and trolls.

Wall Heath mother Stephanie Craig, aged 28, took her two sons Callum Craig, aged five, and Jayden Kettley, aged 16 weeks to the show.

Mrs Craig, of Blaze Park, said: "They loved it. Callum was jumping up and down with the action and it was wonderful."

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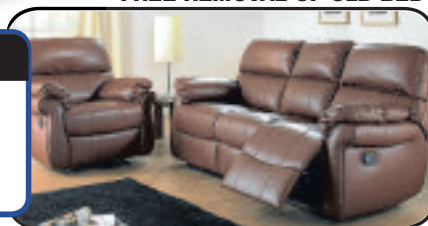
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Mary Hewitt centre pictured with colleagues in front of pile of Tizer crates



Mary, front right, Gwen Timmins (nee Wilkes) back right, Dora Tilley (nee Vincent) back left



Pearl Goode's mother, Mary Hewitt, who started work at Tizer in 1950



Mary Hewitt front left, and Gwen Timmins, front right, with two colleagues



Dora Tilley centre, and Pearl Goode's uncle, Jack Vincent, right, and a colleague



Workers inside the Tizer factory in Wednesbury

Fizzing fun for Tizer's one big happy family

IT could be a cold job, working at the Tizer factory in Wednesbury, recalls Pearl Goode.

"To stop the tops from flying off, you had to dip the bottles of Tizer into a bowl of warm water while you put the cap on," she recalls.

"In the cold weather we used to hold our hands down in the bottle for a bit to keep warm."

But while it might have got a bit parky in the winter, 70-year-old Pearl recalls it as one of the happiest times of her life.

"We were like on big happy family," she says.

Indeed family was very much the operative word for Pearl, who went to work at the plant around 1960.

Her mother, her sister, her cousin – around a dozen of her relatives worked at the factory in Friar Park Road, and she says there used to be a real bond.

"It was the same throughout,

by Mark Andrews

there were lots of families who all worked together," says Pearl, who operated the machines on the production lines.

"I think my mum Mary Wilkes started work there about 1950, and my cousin June Newell was also working there when I joined."

"My uncle Jack Vincent, he was a driver, then there was another cousin, Geoffrey Tilly."

Pearl recently discovered these photographs while searching through some family belongings. Thought to have been taken during the 1950s and 1960s, they show a happy, contented workforce.

"They went on a few coach trips, and they went to dances at the Stewpony Hotel, near Kinver, when they wanted a weekend away."

"There was a great mix of people, and we all got on well. There were youngsters like me, but there were also a lot of older people," says

Pearl, who lives in Freeman Road. She isn't in any of the photographs, but her mother, cousin and several other family members are.

Her son Rob Goode is hoping that other people will get in touch.

Tizer was founded in 1924 by Fred Pickup, of Manchester, and was originally known as Pickup's Appetizer.

As its popularity grew, the name was abbreviated to the snappier Tizer, and a number of plants began to spring up across the UK, including the one at Wednesbury.

In 1972 the company was taken over by Scottish soft drinks giant A G Barr. Production ceased at Friar Park years ago, but there is still a sales operation on the site.

Pearl says while she loved her time at the plant, she could not imagine many of today's youngsters would want to work in such an environment.

"It was hard work, and the pay wasn't great, but we had fun."



Cheers – former worker Pearl Goode, aged 70, with her son Rob

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CLUB NEWS

Silence in
memory
of Wendy

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

CHAIRMAN Audrey Phipps welcomed everyone including the speaker Pete Moodie to the AGM on March 26.

She announced the sad news that a member, Wendy Parfitt, had died and several members had attended her funeral. A minute's silence was held in her memory.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM meeting were read and approved. Committee members were elected en bloc. Secretary Pam Ingman and treasurer Sheila Evans gave their annual reports.

In her chairman's report, Audrey thanked everyone for their loyalty and hard work including the local newspapers for printing monthly reports. Having expressed what an enjoyable year the club had had, she dropped the bombshell that after 30 plus years she was standing down as chairman, to be replaced by Sheila Evans. She was presented with a garden planter containing delightful plants.

A trip to Morton-in-the-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water is being organised for June 11. Chris Groves will organise a luncheon later in the year.

Mr Moodie gave a fascinating talk about the history and work at the Beacon Centre for the Blind, near Wolverhampton. Iris Hemfrey gave the vote of thanks.

Sheila Evans and Linda Taylor won the raffle.

MP gives lowdown
on being a politician



Gavin Williamson MP was guest speaker

WOMBOURNE WI

SPEAKER for the evening was Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire. He spoke about the role of an MP and how he became one.

At the end of the lower sixth in a school in Scarborough, pupils were asked to decide on possible occupations so that arrangements could be made for students to shadow someone in that job. Gavin chose to shadow an MP and was surprised and pleased when John Sykes, MP for Scarborough and Whitby, agreed that Gavin could accompany him.

They attended surgeries, met with local business people, visited factories and visited local constituents who had particular problems. After a very busy, informative and enjoyable three days, Gavin decided that this was the job for him.

During his time at university he continued with his interest in politics. While working at the Ainsley pottery, helping to steer them through difficult times, he heard that Sir Patrick Cormack was retiring and after discussion with his wife, he decided to apply to be a candidate.

Mr Williamson's job as an MP is to represent South Staffordshire at Westminster and he has a constituency of around 89,000. It was lively, informative, interesting and light hearted talk.

After tea and cake the business of the evening was dealt with and the Easter bonnets judged. First was Jean Tasker. Joint second were Pat Elwell and Pat Clarke.

113 attend annual dinner

SOUTH STAFFS FEDERATION OF TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

ON March 28, it was the South Staffordshire Federation's annual dinner at the Terrace Restaurant, Brownhills.

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I wouldn't be an MP were it not for the example of Lady T

Last week I heard the sad news of Margaret Thatcher's passing.

I would like to share some personal reflections and memories of Maggie, affectionately known to friends and admirers – including myself – as Lady T.

Lady Thatcher was my absolute hero and I adored her immensely. I am deeply saddened at her passing.

I feel privileged to have met her many times and, even more so, to have shared laughs, jokes and smiles with her. Those are moments I will never forget. Margaret Thatcher was undoubtedly the greatest of Britons – it is impossible to overstate her significance in domestic and international affairs. She was a true titan of the 20th century.

Spectacular

I vividly remember the first time I met the "Iron Lady". I was 19 and the Conservative Party had not long lost the 1997 General Election in spectacular style to Tony Blair's New Labour.

I was at university having joined the Conservative Party when I arrived on campus in 1996 aged 18 due to the inspirational leadership of Lady Thatcher, whose premiership had ended only six years prior.

The Conservatives were out of office and one of the big issues of the day, then as now, was Europe.

Veteran West Midlands MP Bill Cash was hosting

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



Lady Thatcher at a supporter's house in South Kensington to raise funds for his eurorealist think tank, the European Foundation.

I received an invite to attend as a student supporter and headed down to London from Oxford and waited anxiously for Lady T.

On this particular occasion she got up on to a chair so everyone could see and hear her and get a good view of the 1979 Prime Minister Maggie framed and signed newspaper front page she was auctioning for the Foundation to make sure it reached the best possible price.

In the 2000s I served on the executive committee of Conservative Way Forward, the Thatcherite group within the Conservative Party, through which I was privileged to meet Lady Thatcher several times.

In 2008 I was deeply honoured that she attended a fundraising event for my friend and neighbour Mar-

got James, then the Conservative candidate for Stourbridge, and myself as candidate for Dudley South.

I know I will tell my children and grandchildren about the times I met the great Margaret Thatcher, just as anyone who met Winston Churchill surely does.

Lady Thatcher was extraordinarily easy to get along with. I never knew her as PM (I was far too young) but, out of office, she was friendly and engaging. She particularly enjoyed meeting younger supporters and encouraging us.

She would regale us with stories about the battles she had fought (and won) and the lessons we should learn, always stressing that we should never ever give up.

As the first British woman Prime Minister her achievement in 1979 was truly historic. However, what she went on to achieve in her eleven-and-a-half years in office was incredible.

I remember November 1990 and her removal from

office. I was a 12-year-old at Wolverhampton Grammar School at the time.

I recall knowing that it was a historic moment – not least because she was the only Prime Minister I had known up to that point (having been born under Callaghan in 1978, I was only a baby when she entered Downing Street the following year) – although it was not until a few years later that I realised the extent to which the Parliamentary Conservative Party in the Commons at the time had turned on her and the feeling of betrayal. As Lady T put it in her memoirs, "The Downing Street Years, "it was treachery, with a smile on its face."

Darkest

She was headstrong and a true conviction politician and, as a result, made many enemies along the way but she always knew what she believed and never, ever wavered, even in the darkest hours of the Falklands campaign, the IRA terrorist campaign (Brighton) and the worst economic and industrial strife.

Like many Conservatives of my generation, I consider myself to be a "child of Thatcher". I paid fulsome tribute to her in my maiden speech to the House of Commons in June 2010. It is no exaggeration to say that I would not be sat on the green benches today were it not for her shining example and legacy.

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Water sports centre to mark 50th anniversary

A WATER sports centre near a Dudley beauty spot is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary, with plans to revamp its site to encourage new members.

More than 140 people regularly visit Dudley Water Sports Centre on the Lodge Farm Reservoir, next to Saltwells Nature Reserve, each week.

Water skiing, sailing and diving are among the activities that take place on the open water, off Highbridge Road, which overlooks Brierley Hill and the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Dudley Sailing Club and Dudley Water Ski Club are both based at the Netherton centre alongside Dudley Dolphin and Nautilus Diving clubs.

Organisers now want to encourage more clubs to take advantage of the facilities.

Around £50,000 in grants from funding body Inspired Facilities is helping to pave the way for the scheme, with work due to start in the next week.

The main changing rooms building will be completely overhauled.

The centre's sports development officer, Karen Patchett, today said the building, which dates back five decades, was in need of refurbishment.

"We hope this work will lead to more people coming down and seeing what we do and trying out the sports," she said.

Home sales are highest

THE West Midlands remains the UK's housing market hotspot, with more homes sold this year than anywhere else – including London.

The number of houses sold remained at a high level for the third month in a row in March as confidence continued to increase in the market.

Chartered surveyors sold 22 homes on average over the three months, level with February and up slightly on January. The national average was 17 sold in March.

But pricing was another matter, indicating that sellers are taking a hit to find buyers. The Royal Institu-

tion of Chartered Surveyors, which published the findings, said 21 per cent of surveyors nationwide reported an increase in prices – the highest proportion recorded since June 2010.

Black Country estate agency Paul Dubberley & Co says activity levels are definitely picking up.

Viewings

The firm, which has offices in Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Great Bridge, Willenhall, Walsall and Bilston, said viewings had risen 32 per cent on the same period last year, with sales ahead eight per cent.

Managing partner Lee Morton said: "Pent-up demand has been

building for quite a while – at some point something had to give."

Mr Morton said the trend was probably also a reflection of mortgages becoming more available, continued low interest rates, and lenders being more flexible.

He added: "I think there is also a feeling that house prices are at the cheapest they are going to go and the next move is likely to be up."

"People are deciding they had better go for it now or risk missing out," he added.

The number of homes on the market in the West Midlands has remained stable, meaning little fresh stock coming on to the market to attract buyers.

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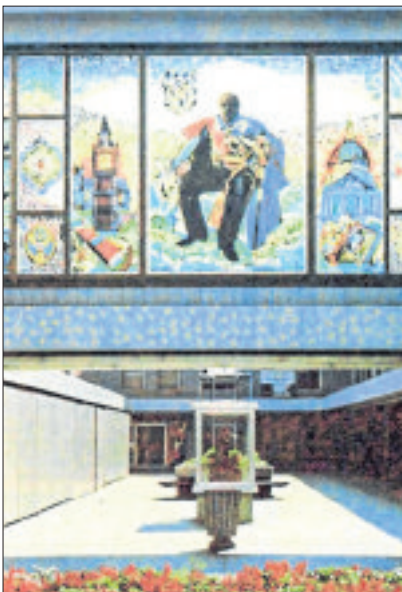
ADVICE on issues affecting teenagers in Dudley is available following the launch of new webpages.

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The community safety partnership group has created new pages on its website where there are also links to videos which highlight the dangers of gangs and teenage dating abuse.

The site includes sections with advice to parents. Visit www.dudleysafeand-sound.org/young-peoples-pages/.

Mystery of missing glass Churchill panels



The original glass panels with Churchill in the centre

ONLY fragments of a famous glass memorial to Winston Churchill are believed to still exist – with the main panel depicting the wartime leader among those lost, it has been revealed.

The large mosaic was the centrepiece of Dudley's Churchill Precinct for more than 20 years. It was taken down in 1991 after repeated vandal attacks and weather damage took their toll. Interest in the piece was renewed last month when Dudley North MP Ian Austin launched a campaign to get the work restored in time for the 50th anniversary of Churchill's death in 2015.

But Dudley Council, which has stored the work since it was taken down, have revealed only eight of the original 17 stained-glass panels are held in storage.

And the main panel, which featured a representation of Mr Churchill, are among those which are not held in the archive. The authority, which does not own the mosaic, is contacting Churchill Precinct owners London and Cambridge Properties to see if they have any more of the mosaic in storage.

Contractors who removed the piece 20 years ago are also being consulted to confirm what happened to the other pieces. It is thought some simply did not survive the damage suffered back then. Mr Austin said he had asked the council for an inventory of which pieces remain.

Talks with glass experts will then be held to decide what to do next – with one possibility being to recreate the missing panels. Mr Austin said: "There is still a lot of work to be done and I am waiting to hear from the council about the pieces we have."

Local canals are the theme for exhibition

AN EXHIBITION featuring the work of four acclaimed artists will be staged at a Dudley attraction.

All four are members of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists and their work will be displayed at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone until May 26.

The exhibition, called The Black Country Seen, will feature paintings, ceramic sculptures, litho prints and experimental prints.

The artists – Brian Fletcher, Paul Hipkiss, Tom Millard and Peter Shread – are all from Stourbridge and have used the town's canals as a starting point for their pieces. The Red House Glass Cone itself is featured in one of the litho prints.

Councillor Tracy Wood, said it would be a beautiful exhibition. "The four artists have taken the same theme of our Black Country canals and produced a whole range of varied work," she said.

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FUN loving lady, outgoing, honest, caring, likes socialising, seeks older male, 50-70. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 383325**

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SINGLE MEN

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MALE 73yrs fit, N/S, OHAC, WLTm slim lady of similar age for days out, holidays and walking. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403895**

PAUL 60, medium build, fit, virile with strong needs, WLTm West Midland lady for regular mutual pleasure. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 374821**

TIGER Woods lookalike seeks mature, big, beautiful lady for fun and frolics. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403867**

29YR old male, likes holidays, cinema, clubs, seeks female for friendship and fun times. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403759**

ROBERT 72, young looking, retired carpenter, N/S, non drinker, seeks kind, black lady in Wolverhampton area. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403641**

45YR old British Asian male, 5ft 9ins, slim-medium build, kind, caring, GSOH, likes romantic meals, nights in, films, music, walks, seeks female. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403631**

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GARY kind, caring, seeks special lady, any age for fun times and more. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403585**

MIKE 45, bored, seeks female, any age for adult fun and good times. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403461**

JOHN 59, 5ft 8ins, OHAC, GSOH, seeks lady, 46-55, likes meals out and in. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 403273**

SINGLE male, 60, WLTm local lady with strong physical needs for regular contact with no commitment initially. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 377459**

ATTRACTIVE male, late 40's, seeks attractive female for fun. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 311713**

BRIAN 60's, ordinary man, strong needs, seeks affectionate lady for close friendship. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 396765**

ATTRACTIVE male, 55, seeks older female, 50-70 for close, adult fun. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 397189**

60'S male, medium build, fit, high drive, seeks West Midlands lady who needs occasional male evening/weekend company. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 381307**

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MALE 5ft 8ins, athletic, GSOH, seeks older lady for fun. Tel No: **0906 500 3955 Box No: 402357**

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CD REVIEWS

Whipping up a jamboree



Blackbeard's Tea Party Whip Jamboree

IT was roughly three years ago when I first encountered Blackbeard's Tea Party in the basement of a cinema in York, they were supporting a great Yorkshire duo called the Hut People and, even though they were a little depleted on numbers they still managed to put on a great show.

Their latest album Whip Jamboree, out now and bears a lot of similarity to Bellowhead in style with its juggling mix of eclectic sounds and songs although with their use of electric they also give the feel of Fairport Convention.

The album kicks off full of energy with The Valiant Turpin whacking you with a stomping, rasping fiddle sound from Laura Barber before the

shanty-style voices move in and with the cadence they create you can almost feel the ropes being hauled up over the side.

There is no rest either with the next track as the squeezebox of Stuart Giddens joins the fiddle to illustrate that the Devil's In The Kitchen.

Without doubt the most fun track on this album is Rackabell which wonderfully celebrates everything to do with pork and the band give it a great stomping sound that defies you to not to tap along.

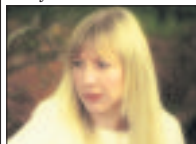
This is such a grown up album with wonderful twists, turns and dark themes and a mixture of sounds, it's also a lesson to anyone who thinks folk is dull. Visit www.blackbeard-steaparty.com.

Danny Farragher

Thoughtful sounds from a Dandelion Great lake of songs show real emotions

Becky Mills, Dandelion

IT'S always a treat when an album grabs your attention with the opening bars of the first track. Such is the case on Becky Mills' Dandelion and Amy Sharpe.



Becky Mills

If the rockabilly-style sound doesn't set your toes tapping and your fingers clicking within the blink of an eye then perhaps you shouldn't be listening to this. The tracks do slow down from this though and you get the richness of Mills' voice, the creamy and deep sounds on I Saw the Sun Today and Pretty Young Things which has more than a touch of Kate Rusby about it, but is distinctive enough not to be confusing. The soft unblemished tones of her voice are almost contradictory to the content of some of her songs. Mills has the perfect voice for folk, it fits in beautifully with her acoustic guitar skills and yet is distinctive enough not to be lost in the milieu of all the other female voices on the circuit. For a first album Dandelion exudes maturity in terms of the songwriting and confidence in the singing.

Overall this is a really thoughtful and endearing album. Visit www.beckymills.co.uk or www.facebook.com/beckymillsdandelion.

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John Smith, Great Lakes

WHETHER you have heard John Smith a few times or never before, when you do put his music on you feel there is something eminently well-bedded and mature about his style and voice which gives you a sense of having been listening to him for many years.

Smith's rich and mellow tones blend with his guitar playing on his new album, Great Lakes, in such a way that it can calm the most restless of souls. This Devon troubadour, who has already garnered many accolades, has rubbed shoulders with some of the best folk artists on the scene and deserves his place alongside them.

His latest offering is a real treat for anyone who likes good music folk or otherwise. Smith's liquid style of guitar and slide guitar playing is used wonderfully and from the first track There Is A Stone with its gloriously illustrative lyrics you know this is an album you want to listen to over and over again. Without doubt one of the best tracks is She Is My Escape, it has the feel of Simon & Garfunkel but the ballad has such an intensity of feeling which just stops you in your tracks and makes you say "Who is this?"


Great Lakes is out now and for more information visit www.johnsmithjohnsmith.com.



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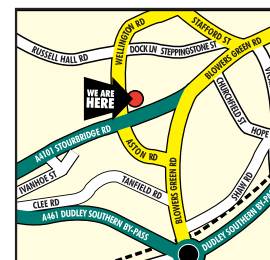
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What's On! Dudley

Bringing Brent back to the stage

The stage version of the award-winning *The Office* is coming to Dudley where you can again enjoy the character made famous by Ricky Gervais, David Brent. The pompous but hilarious regional boss of a Slough paper merchants.

All the old favourites are included with Gareth, the jobsworth, Tim and receptionist Dawn.

The show is being staged at Netherton Arts Centre from Wednesday May 8 to Saturday May 11.

The shows start at 7.30pm and tickets are £7.00 with concessions £6.00.

Serving up a slice of Pi in the town

Stourbridge Town Hall will be screening the critically acclaimed film *The Life Of Pi*.

The story is of a young man who survives a disaster at sea and is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery.

While cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor – a fearsome Bengal tiger.

The screening will be on Monday May 13 at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £3.00 and the film runs 2hrs 30mins, cert PG.

Northern nights

The vinyl will be spinning again at Dudley Town Hall as it recreates the heyday of Northern soul on Saturday May 11 and October 26. Tickets are £7 and the show starts 8pm.

Pasha and Katya are hot stuff on the dancefloor

"MY God, it's cold," says Pasha Kovalev. And when a man who was born and bred in icy Siberia is feeling the chill, you know it must be brass monkeys out there.

The Strictly Come Dancing star is sheltering from the unseasonably bracing winds to speak about his new touring dance show which he's put together with another professional from the TV series, Katya Virshilas.

It's a monster tour which started last month, and runs through to the middle of June, taking in more than 60 venues. On May 11 it calls at the Cannock Prince of Wales Theatre.

Pasha has become a firm favourite with audiences on the BBC show since joining Strictly's cast in 2011.

Busy

In that first year, he took Waterloo Road star Chelsea Healey all the way to the final – his Shrek costume was one of the most talked about in the series – and he repeated the feat in the most recent series with Girls Aloud singer Kimberley Walsh. He recently danced with Dani Harmer on the Strictly live tour.

"It's been really, really busy. But the success of Strictly over the past few years has shown just how much British audiences

appreciate this form of art, and I'm loving it," says Pasha. "It was straight from the end of the Strictly tour to training for this one."

"On this tour, it is really good to get the chance to see people up close who have watched us on TV, and get the chance to interact with them, and have a bit of fun."

So, what can audiences expect from this latest show? "Lots of beautiful Latin and ballroom dancing," says Pasha. "But not just that, we will also be inviting a local dance school onto the stage each night, giving the audience a chance to test their own Strictly skills, and having a question and answer session. It's always interesting to hear the sort of things that people want to know!"

Tickets cost £20. Call 01543 578762.



Grab your partner — Katya Virshilas and Pasha Kovalev get to grips as they prepare for their latest tour

Extraordinary shows by Paralympics pair

THE Arena Theatre in Wolverhampton will host shows featuring two of the stars of the London 2012 Paralympic Opening Ceremony.

Tomorrow evening (Friday) Helen Parlor, who worked as the assistant choreographer for the ceremony, brings her company Parlor Dance to the Wulfruna Street venue. At the Paralympics Helen choreographed thousands of volunteers to create a full length stadium show.

Her company Parlor Dance will perform Close Distance, an acrobatic and thought-provoking show that explores our relationships with our neighbours.

Then on Thursday, May 23, double amputee dancer David Toole, who starred in the ceremony, will perform at the Arena Theatre in a dance duet called Extraordinary.

Hands

Toole provided one of the highlights of the opening ceremony, dancing on his hands and soaring above the stadium to perform an aerial dance in a wire harness.

In the duet Extraordinary David Toole and his partner go on a journey of self-discovery in a funny, moving and poignant production, which explores challenges and misconceptions surrounding being a disabled dancer.

Close Distance takes place on at 8pm and Extraordinary takes place at 7.30pm. Tickets for both shows cost £9 full price and £7 concessions.

Tickets can be purchased online at the website www.arenatheatre.info, in person at the Arena Theatre box office on Wulfruna Street, or by calling 01902 321321.

Suggs tells of his life of Madness

I'VE just turned 50, the kids have left home, and my cat just died so says Madness frontman in Suggs: My Life Story.

With a mixture of drama, stand up and music Suggs takes you from his childhood in Soho to his first appearance on Top of the Pops at Dudley Town Hall.

The death of Suggs' cat triggers a quest to discover the father he never knew. Suggs My Life Story in Words and Music will be at the town hall this Friday (19) at 7.30pm. Tickets are £24.50.

Dickens of a show from an ancestor

The world of Charles Dickens will be brought to Dudley on Friday April 26 at 7.30pm.

Gerald Dickens is the great-great-grandson of the famous author and will do a one-man show of Great Expectations, playing every character.

The performance will be at Netherton Arts Centre and has already been praised following other performances around the world. Tickets are £11 for adults and £7 for children and those aged over 60.

Best of the 50s

MEMORIES Are Made of Hits makes a welcome return to Dudley Town Hall with a production of all that was best from the 50s & early 60s. The show is on May 14 at 2pm with tickets £11.00.



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The Many Faces of Michael Crawford
BBC2, 8.30pm

Michael Crawford will always be known, first and foremost, as bumbling Frank Spencer in 1970s sitcom *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em*. In the years that followed, some audience members found it difficult to take Crawford serious as any other character, which perhaps explains why he has largely steered clear of films and TV since. Instead, he's become a much-sought-after West End and Broadway star thanks to the likes of *Barnum* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. This documentary takes a look back at Crawford's remarkable life and career.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **2.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **6.25** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.45** **Doctor Who**. Clara and the Doctor arrive at a haunted mansion on a desolate moor, where a gifted psychic and a professor are searching for a tortured spirit. **7.30** **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins**. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. **8.20** **The Voice UK**. The fourth round of the chair-spinning singing contest, with coaches Tom Jones, Jessie J, Will.i.am and Danny O'Donoghue aiming to bolster their teams. **9.20** **Casualty**. Jeff is distressed when his father and sister are involved in a car accident. **10.10** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day**. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures, including Sunderland v Everton at the Stadium of Light and Queens Park Rangers v Stoke City at Loftus Road, National Lottery Update. **12.00** The Football League Show. **1.20** Film: *Black Eagle*. (1988) **2.55** Weatherview. **3.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.45** Film: *On the Beat*. (1962) **8.30** Film: *A Stitch in Time*. (1963) A butcher's bumbling assistant tries to cheer up an orphan while visiting his ailing boss in hospital. Slapstick comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. **7.25** **Live Snooker: The World Championship**. **12.25** **EastEnders**. (R) **2.15** **Live Snooker: The World Championship**. **5.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **6.30** **Flog It!** Paul Martin and the experts examine Liverpool's rich musical heritage. (R) **7.00** **Live Snooker: The World Championship**. Further coverage of the opening day at the Crucible Theatre. **8.00** **Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em**. Betty finally goes into labour. (R) **8.30** **The Many Faces of Michael Crawford**. A profile of the actor and singer best known for his portrayal of Frank Spencer in *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* and playing the title role in the first run of *The Phantom of the Opera*. **9.30** **QI XL**. An extended edition of the quiz with a difference, with host Stephen Fry asking Sandi Toksvig, Al Murray, Dara O Briain and Alan Davies questions on the topic of the Inland Revenue. (R) **10.15** **America in Primetime**. New series. Alan Yentob explores the social history of the US through its most popular TV shows. **11.15** **Richard Briers: A Tribute**. Documentary celebrating the life of the actor. (R) **12.15** **Snooker: The World Championship**. **1.05** **Snooker: World Championships Extra**. **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: *Jungle Junction*. **6.15** *Jungle Junction*. **6.25** *The Hive*. (R) **6.35** *The Hive*. (R) **6.45** *Dino Dan*. (R) **6.55** *Dino Dan*. (R) **7.05** *Animals*. (R) **7.15** *Animals*. (R) **7.25** *Almost Naked Animals*. (R) **7.35** *Ultimate Spider-Man*. **8.00** *Jessie*. **8.25** *ITV News*. **8.30** *Saturday Farm*. **9.25** *The Jeremy Kyle Show USA*. **10.20** *My Tasty Travels* with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.00** *Jessie*. **11.20** *ITV News*. **12.20** *ITV News: Weather*. **12.30** *Midsomer Murders*. (R) **2.25** *The Chase*. (R) **3.30** *ITV News: Kindergarten Cop*. (1990) **5.30** *Regional Programme: Weather*. **5.45** *ITV News: Weather*. **6.00** **New You've Been Framed!** *Forever*. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of surreal camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile phone footage. **7.00** **Britain's Got Talent**. Ant and Dec present the second audition show, with another line-up of acts eager to win a slot at this year's Royal Variety Performance. **8.30** **The Cube**. A physiotherapist and a secondary school teacher try to complete a series of increasingly difficult tasks, hoping to win a jackpot of £250,000. **9.30** **The Jonathan Ross Show**. The host welcomes Steve Coogan, the man behind Alan Partridge, to talk about his latest projects. Actress Saoirse Ronan also drops by and music superstar Will.i.am performs live. **10.30** *ITV News: Weather*. **10.45** *Film: Parenthood*. (1989) Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin. **11.00** *Jackpot* 247. **3.00** *Ladette* to Lady. Australia. (R) **3.30** *ITV News: Weather*. **3.50** *ITV News: Weather*.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 *The Grid*. **6.40** *World Superbikes*. **7.05** *Brighton Marathon*. **7.55** *The Morning Line*. **9.00** *Everybody Loves Raymond*. (R) **9.30** *Everybody Loves Raymond*. (R) **10.00** *Fraser*. (R) **10.30** *Fraser*. (R) **11.00** *The Big Bang Theory*. (R) **11.35** *The Big Bang Theory*. (R) **12.00** *The Simpsons*. (R) **12.35** *Secret Simpsons*. (R) **1.40** *Channel 4 Racing*. **4.15** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **4.50** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **5.20** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **5.55** *Come Dine with Me*. (R) **6.25** *Come Dine with Me*. Heidi Kelloway hosts the final dinner party in Oxford. (R) **6.55** **Channel 4 News**. **7.20** **Grand Designs**. Kevin McCloud meets a couple transforming 5,000sq ft of derelict basement in west London – but without proper architects' drawings – confusion kicks in almost from the start. Postponed from April 13. (R) **8.15** **Walking Through History**. Tony Robinson goes on a four-day trek through the kind of region the Highlands, examining the story of the early 1700s Jacobite uprisings along the way. Last in the series. **9.20** **Film: The Twilight Saga: New Moon**. (2009) Romantic fantasy sequel, starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. **11.45** **Darren Brown Investigates: The Ghost Hunter**. The illusionist explores the world of Lou Gentile. Last in the series. (R) **12.50** *Film: Double Jeopardy*. (1999) Thriller, starring Ashley Judd. **2.35** *Hollyoaks*. (R) **4.35** *Deal or No Deal*. (R) **5.30** *Countdown*. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 *Milkshake!* **10.00** *Power Rangers: Super Samurai*. (R) **10.35** *Batman: The Brave and the Bold*. **11.00** *Inside Hollywood*. **11.05** *The Removal Men*. (R) **12.05** *Nature Shock: The Blacktip Shark Mystery*. (R) **1.05** *Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge*. (R) **2.05** *Film: Cheaper By the Dozen*. (2003) Family comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.00** *Film: Apache*. (1954) Western, starring Burt Lancaster. **5.45** *5 News: Weekend*. **5.50** *Film: Cahill, US Marshal*. (1973) Western, starring John Wayne and George Kennedy. **7.40** **Film: Rocky IV**. (1985) The Italian Stallion steps into the ring against a seemingly invincible Russian boxer who caused the death of his friend. Drama, starring Sylvester Stallone and Dolph Lundgren. **9.30** **International Boxing**. Tyson Fury v Steve Cunningham. Live coverage of the heavyweight bout from the Theatre at Madison Square Garden in New York, USA. **11.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**. Benson and Stabler have to tread carefully when they investigate the deaths of a wealthy couple and find themselves playing a game of politics and double bluff. **11.55** **Inside Hollywood**. Magazine show, with location reports and showbusiness news from behind the scenes in Tinseltown. **12.05** *SuperCasino*. **3.50** *Wildlife SOS*. (R) **4.40** *County Secrets*. (R) **4.55** *Hana's Helpline*. (R) **5.05** *Angels of Jarm*. (R) **5.15** *Roary the Racing Car*. (R) **5.25** *The Funky Valley Show*. (R) **5.35** *Hana's Helpline*. (R) **5.50** *Roary the Racing Car*. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 *Merlin* **8.30** *Top Gear* **9.30** *Film: Tropic Thunder* (2008) **11.10** *Family Guy* **11.55** *American Dad!*
BBC Four
7.00 *South Pacific* **8.00** *The Golden Age of Steam Railways* **9.00** *Arne Dahl: Bad Blood – Part One* **10.30** *Young Guns Go for It* **11.30** *Top of the Pops: 1978*
ITV2
3.40 *Funnist Ever You've Been Framed!* **4.45** *Film: Curly Sue* (1991) **6.40** *Film: Kangaroo Jack* (2003) **8.30** *Britain's Got More Talent* **9.30** *Best of You've Been Framed!* **10.30** *Celebrity Juice* **11.20** *Plebs* **11.50** *Britain's Got Talent*
ITV3
3.00 *Agatha Christie's Poirot* **4.00** *A Touch of Frost* **6.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple* **8.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple* **9.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple* **10.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple* **11.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple*
ITV4
11.00 *Live Indian Premier League Cricket: Kolkata Knight Riders Chennai Super Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore v Rajasthan Royals* **8.00** *British Superbike Championship Highlights* **9.00** *River Monsters* **10.00** *Film: Land of the Dead* (2005) **11.55** *From Ronaldo to Ronaldo*
E4
5.30 *The Mindy Project* **6.00** *The Big Bang Theory* **7.00** *Youngers* **7.30** *How I Met Your Mother* **9.00** *Film: Rush Hour 3* (2007) **10.50** *The Big Bang Theory* **11.50** *The Cleveland Show*
Film4
2.45 *Zulu* (1964) **5.30** *My Super Ex-Girlfriend* (2006) **7.20** *The Man* (2005) **9.00** *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*. (1987) Comedy, starring Steve Martin, John Candy and Michael McKean **10.45** *Scary Movie* (2000)

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CHOICE



Shaun Evans

Endeavour
ITV, 8pm

Fans of Colin Dexter's novels and John Thaw's series will be delighted by a story that manages to encompass some of the themes depicted in one of older Morse's best stories, Masonic Mysteries. Initially, the killer featured here seems to be your typical deranged lunatic, the kind who murder indiscriminately – until a passion for opera, displayed in the way he elaborately stages his crimes – is revealed. Morse's musical knowledge may enable him to unlock the case's puzzling nature, which involves cryptic clues and an ever-growing body count.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.00** Match of the Day. (R) **8.30** London Marathon. **2.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.20** Points of View. **3.35** LifeLine. **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix Highlights.

6.35 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. The team heads to Calderdale in West Yorkshire, before visiting the village of Haworth – where the Brontë family lived – and taking in the landscapes that inspired poet Ted Hughes.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Castle Coole, near Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, where items include a modern painting of an Irish landscape and a collection of compacts. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 The Village. The villagers gather for their traditional annual wheelbarrow race – unaware it coincides with the first day of the Battle of the Somme. John steals medicine when Mary falls ill.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester City.

11.25 Regional Programme.

11.55 Film: The Getaway. (1994) A criminal couple are persuaded to take part in a robbery, but are forced to work with a treacherous former partner in crime. Thriller remake, with Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger.

1.45 Weather. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.20** Film: The Outlaw. (1943) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Flog It! (R) **1.00** Gymnastics. European Championships. **2.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship.

6.00 Coast. The presenters seek out the ideal locations to enjoy their personal passions, with Nick Crane attempting a mountaineering challenge on the Isle of Skye. (R)

7.00 London Marathon Highlights. Sonali Shah presents action from one of the world's most prestigious road races, as elite athletes and fun-runners negotiated the 26.2-mile course.

8.00 Bill Bailey's Jungle Hero. Part one of two. The comedian follows in the footsteps of Victorian naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace.

9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Bin Man – The Return. London dustman Wilbur Ramirez heads back to Jakarta, Indonesia.

10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Travel. Another themed selection from the show's archives.

10.30 It's Kevin. Including music by Crab Marley.

11.00 Snooker: The World Championship. Highlights of the second day's play in Sheffield.

11.50 Snooker: World Championships Extra.

1.50 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jungle Junction. **6.15** Jungle Junction. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sony with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather.

11.25 Film: Columbo: Mind Over Mayhem. (1974) **12.55** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.25** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **2.55** Food Glorious Food. (R) **3.55** Film: Jurassic Park. (1993)

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.30 Off Their Rockers. An OAP attempts escapology for the first time.

8.00 Endeavour. Morse meets his intellectual match when a serial killer keeps himself one step ahead of the law and leaves cryptic messages to goad the police. Starring Shaun Evans.

10.00 Perspectives: Jonathan Ross: Alfred Hitchcock – Made in Britain. The life and career of the celebrated director.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.15 The Store. **2.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.10** Monk. (R) **4.40** ITV NightScreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Meet Dave. (2008) Sci-fi comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.

4.05 Deal or No Deal. **5.05** Five Minutes to a Fortune.

6.05 Channel 4 News.

6.30 Come Dine with Me. Contestants from Sheffield try to outdo each other with their culinary creations, but Chris Crossley's attempts to charm Suzanne Bell backfire. (R)

7.30 Film: The Karate Kid. (2010) Premiere. An American youngster living in China falls foul of bullies, until a kung fu master teaches him to defend himself. Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan.

10.15 Film: Max Payne. (2008) A tormented cop searches for his wife's killer while investigating a series of murders connected to a hallucinatory drug. Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg and Milla Kunis.

12.10 Film: Enemy at the Gates. (2001) Second World War drama, starring Jude Law. **2.25** Tumult. **2.40** Inside Nature's Giants: The Big Cats. The anatomy of big cats. (R) **3.35** Come Dine with Me. Four strangers from south Devon compete to host the perfect dinner party. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.05** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Inside Hollywood. **11.15** Trauma Doctors. (R) **12.15** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.15** Rolf's Animal Clinic. (R) **2.20** Film: It Could Happen to You. (1994) **4.15** Film: Little Women. (1994)

6.30 5 News Weekend.

6.35 Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich and Gary Oldman.

9.00 Once Upon a Time. Snow and Emma try to find a portal back to Storybrooke.

10.00 Person of Interest. (2002) Crime thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood and Anjelica Huston.

1.05 SuperCasino. **3.55** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.45** County Secrets. (R) **5.55** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.15** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Live MotoGP **9.00** The Voice UK **10.00** Barely Legal Drivers **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **BBC Four**
7.00 The Century That Wrote Itself **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** Arena: aka Norman Parkinson **10.00** Secret Life of Rockpools **11.00** Motor Racing at the BBC: That Petrol Emotion **11.30** Exotic Pop at the BBC

ITV2
3.45 You've Been Framed! **4.15** Britain's Got Talent **5.45** Britain's Got More Talent **6.45** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** Film: Shaun of the Dead (2004) **11.00** Celebrity Juice **11.50** Film: Kiss Kiss Bang Bang (2005)

ITV3
3.55 Film: Agatha Christie's Murder in Three Acts (1986) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Hamlet (1990) **10.45** Blue Murder

ITV4
10.45 Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** Police, Camera, Action! **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Cycling **10.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **11.00** Film: 8 Mile (2002)

E4
3.05 Charmed **4.05** Revenge **5.00** Girl I Met Your Mother **5.30** New Girl **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** The Mindy Project **8.00** Film: Bride Wars (2008) **9.45** Darren Brown: Something Wicked This Way Comes **11.20** 2 Broke Girls **11.50** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
2.50 Rear Window (1954) **5.15** Just Wright (2010) **7.10** Knights of the South Bronx (2005) **9.00** Semi-Pro (2008) Comedy, starring Will Ferrell. **10.50** The Full Monty (1997)

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Pistol Whipped, Channel 5, 11pm

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TUESDAY

Air Force One, BBC1, 11.05pm

The American president is forced to take drastic measures to save his family when their plane is hijacked by Russian terrorists demanding the release of a jailed radical general. Meanwhile, the vice president tries to manage the crisis from Washington and has to decide whether to shoot the aircraft down. Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close, Dean Cain and William H Macy. (1997)

WEDNESDAY

Munich, BBC1, 11.05pm

After the killing of 11 Israeli coaches and athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Israeli prime minister Golda Meir sanctions a team of assassins to slay the Palestinian terrorists responsible. But as the death toll rises and each elimination brings yet more reprisals, the hit squad's leader begins to question his orders. Steven Spielberg's thriller, with Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Ciaran Hinds and Geoffrey Rush. (2005)



Munich, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.05pm

THURSDAY

The Specialist, Channel 5, 10pm

An explosives expert is reluctantly persuaded out of retirement by the charms of a vengeful woman bent on destroying the gang that murdered her parents. He carries out a series of assassinations with expert precision, but finds himself caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse when one of his targets hires a former colleague to track him down. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone, James Woods, Rod Steiger and Eric Roberts. (1994)

FRIDAY

2 Fast 2 Furious, ITV, 10.35pm

A disgraced former cop is arrested by the FBI for illegal street racing, but his one-time colleagues offer him freedom in exchange for going on an undercover mission. Teaming up with an old racing friend and a customs official, he has to infiltrate and bring down a drug-trafficking operation. Thriller sequel, with Paul Walker reprising his role from The Fast and the Furious alongside Tyrese Gibson, Eva Mendes and Cole Hauser. (2003)

Pick of the Week

Dramatic series draws to a great conclusion

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But not Broadchurch – it's been a different breed altogether, and thank goodness for that. Too many dramas these days have been made to appeal to viewers with short attention spans; they're smart, snappy and scenes last about 30 seconds.

However, this eight-part series from acclaimed writer Chris Chibnall has been a slow-burner, with the patience of audience members rewarded with one of the most gripping plots we've seen in a long while.

So far we've learnt that Danny Latimer has been murdered and that most of the people in the town of Broadchurch, where he lived, have

something to hide and so could, possibly, have bumped him off in an attempt to keep their secret under wraps for ever.

And that's about it really – although we're just as keen to find out what's really wrong with DI Alec Hardy, the detective in charge of the case, as we are the identity of the killer.

But no matter how intriguing the storyline, the programme just wouldn't be worth tuning in for if it wasn't for the acting, which has been of a uniformly high standard. At the centre of it all is Jodie Whittaker as Beth, Danny's grief-stricken mother.

The 30-year-old Huddersfield-born actress is making a habit of playing young mums – in BBC Two's Royal Wedding, she was a woman who'd had a baby at 15, and she's in the same situation here.

No doubt her next role will be very different, but there's no denying she's the heart and soul of this series. And what's particularly interesting is that during filming, neither she nor the rest of the cast knew who the killer was.

"I only got the first episode for the audition and I found that quite nerve-racking, not knowing where it was

going," she says. "But that's a really great thing to do because it keeps you anxious the whole way through. It keeps you guessing and makes you not trust any of the other characters; which you wouldn't do in that environment."

"That first episode was heart-breaking to read, but you met so many interesting characters. When I came on board, David Tennant, Olivia Colman, Vicky McClure and Andrew Buchan were already attached. Every week, new names were signed to it which was really exciting to think you would be working with them on an ensemble piece."

"Not a lot of dramas are ensemble and there are about 20 of us."

But it hasn't just been the human cast that Jodie has enjoyed being around – the Dorset scenery has almost been a character itself.

"I always enjoy filming on location as there is that feeling that you can be in it the whole time; you are staying away, you don't have to deal with normal life when you get home from work, so it's been a great experience."

It's been great watching it too – here's hoping the last episode lives up to expectations.



Jodie Whittaker stars in Broadchurch, Monday, ITV, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Channel 5, 9pm

Normally, when people on TV talk about wanting to quit the rat race and lead a simpler life, they mean they want a period cottage in a county village. However, the people in this new series have taken a more extreme approach, setting up home in some of the world's most remote locations. Ben Fogle is on a mission to experience their extraordinary lifestyles, and in the opening edition, he's journeying to Australia's Great Barrier Reef to live with David Glasheen. The former businessman lost \$10million in the stock market crash of 1987, and with the loss of his savings, he bought the lease on part of the 100-acre, volcanic Restoration Island, where he and his dog Quasi are the sole residents.

The Prisoners

BBC1, 9pm

This Pentonville-set fly-on-the-bars doc might be just the antidote after a soap-heavy Monday diet of EastEnders, Emmerdale and Corrie. As cameras return to the north London facility holding more than 1,000 male prisoners, we meet Mick, an inmate whose crimes have led to years of incarceration. There's a chance he may wind up breaking the law unless he has proper housing once released. We also get an insight into the life of Senol, who is trying to forget his violent past and build a better future with his fiancée. However, a battle with the bottle could be his biggest hurdle. Some fascinating sentences from those doing long sentences.

TUESDAY

The Syndicate BBC1, 9pm

They say money can't buy you love, and in Mandy's case, it can't buy you freedom or happiness either. Even with £14million sitting in the bank accruing interest, her life is in a worse state than ever. Mandy has bound and gagged her abusive husband Steve in the cellar, bitter colleague Helen is upping her blackmail demands, and the nurse is facing the distinct possibility of spending a stint in prison. On a happier note, there's love in the air for Tom and Natalie at their housewarming party, and the couple make a big announcement. Perhaps we will see some good coming from the lottery win after all, as Kay Mellor's ensemble drama series draws to a close.

WEDNESDAY

Coast

BBC2, 8pm

Don't berate yourself for being lazy because you can't bear to prise yourself away from the sofa to face the outdoors thanks to the lacklustre weather; that's what this gem of a series is there for – to bring the stories of our coasts to the comfort of our living rooms. This week, the team looks at stories linked to estuaries around the UK,

with Nick Crane heading off in the direction of the Firth of Forth to investigate the 'solitor'. He wants to learn more about the rare type of wave that seems to travel endlessly without losing energy or breaking up. Meanwhile, Miranda Krestovnikoff reveals how salmon fend off dehydration by migrating to saltwater.

Great Bear Stakeout

BBC1, 9pm

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise – because spring has sprung in Alaska, and the grizzly bears are emerging from hibernation. In this two-part documentary series, comedian and actor Billy Connolly narrates fascinating footage of the creatures venturing out into the wilderness for the first time in months, as they are thrust together in a frenzy of feeding, fighting and mating. Tonight's opening edition introduces us to first-time mum Parsnip and her cub, Pushki. Parsnip will have a long road ahead of her as she fights for her cub's survival in one of the harshest climates in the world – where only half of bear cubs make it through the season.



Ben Earl: Trick Artist, Friday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

MasterChef BBC1, 8pm

For the past eight years, Gregg Wallace and John Torode have been reminding us how "Cooking doesn't get much tougher than this!" though troops making beans on toast in a war zone might beg to differ. You know the drill by now: hundreds entered, but only a handful of cooks were given a chance to prove their worth. So, who can stand the heat and who will be forced to leave the kitchen? That remains to be seen, but as 2012 winner Shelina Permalloo raised the bar rather high, we do know it will take steely resolve for the eventual finalists to transform their ideas from a concept into a mouthwatering reality.

FRIDAY

Ben Earl: Trick Artist Channel 4, 9pm

Magic is enjoying something of a boom at the moment, having been absent from our screens for a time it's now bigger than ever thanks to the likes of Dynamo. Ben Earl is the latest in a glut of exciting new talents, and his four-part series looks set to be something special. Each edition focuses on one topic, beginning with crime, upon which Earl offers an array of bewildering, bedazzling illusions, sleight-of-hand tricks and cunning deceptions. He invites a group of people to join him as he undertakes his feats, which tonight include a bullet-catch – a trick so dangerous it's only attempted by the best, and which, legend has it, has claimed the lives of at least 12 performers.

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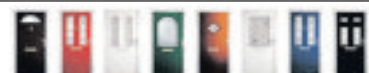
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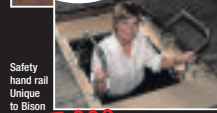
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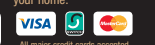
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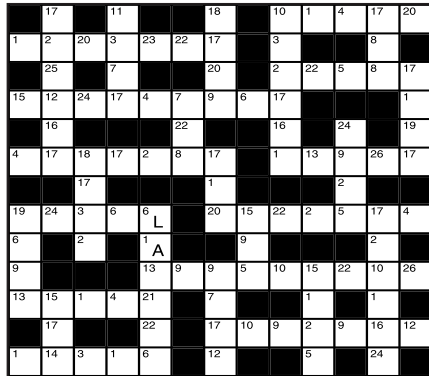
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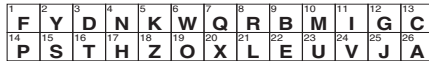
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

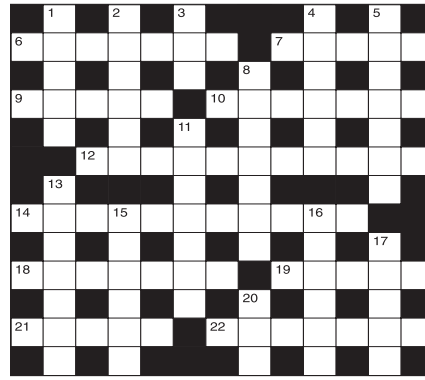
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Unusually angered (7)
 7. Agree to advance (3,2)
 9. Such remarks may still be pointed! (5)
 10. Decorations I prohibit in small thoroughfares (7)
 12. For many road-users, they provide a stern outlook (4,7)
 14. Patient attendants who treat only employees? (5,6)
 18. He won't make certain advances (7)
 19. It may be sung in a lovely rich baritone voice (5)
 21. People count on them to send them to sleep! (5)
 22. Exercise done by a prisoner (7)

Down

1. Single unfronted fireplace (5)
 2. Native American who may keep watch for you (6)
 3. Catch a number up (3)
 4. Free beer held up and put down again (6)
 5. Common knowledge (3-4)
 8. I arrive upset, for a sunny holiday? (7)
 11. A good one will be true to type (7)
 13. Wasting a prize (7)
 15. Possibly gifted young scholars may be told not to! (6)
 16. Rarely seen part of the French President's residence (6)
 17. Not much to steal (5)
 20. Don't go without a pen (3)



Quick Clues:

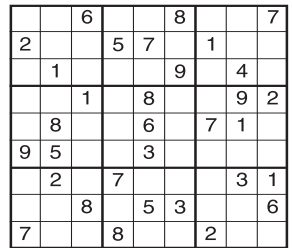
Across

6. Nominate (7)
 7. Lesser (5)
 9. Afterwards (5)
 10. Pad (7)
 12. Booby prize (6,5)
 14. Go separate ways (4,7)
 18. Horse-soldiers (7)
 19. Accumulate (5)
 21. Performed (5)
 22. Regulated (7)

Down

1. Utter (5)
 2. Spanish dance (6)
 3. Finish (3)
 4. Chessman (6)
 5. A wise man (7)
 8. Vegetables (7)
 11. Postpone (7)
 13. Poise (7)
 15. Journey (6)
 16. Figure (6)
 17. Awry (5)
 20. Skill (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	1	9	7	3	8	4	2	5
3	2	7	6	5	4	9	1	8
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Hostile act; 7 Adder; 8 Frantic; 10 Knock-out; 11 Area; 13 Absent; 15 Amoral; 17 Tear; 18 Imprison; 21 Regatta; 22 Liege; 23 Better half. Down: 1 Hydro; 2 Striking; 3 Influx; 4 Edam; 5 Caterer; 6 Taskmaster; 9 Challenger; 12 Umbrella; 14 Spangle; 16 Impair; 19 Sheaf; 20 Stet. QUICK - Across: 1 Similitude; 7 Clear; 8 Support; 10 Overseer; 11 Mean; 13 Nectar; 15 Grieve; 17 Arid; 18 Toboggan; 21 Tip-toed; 22 Amass; 23 Ingredient. Down: 1 Sieve; 2 Marksman; 3 Lessen; 4 Type; 5 Dices; 6 Accountant; 9 Tenderness; 12 Arrogate; 14 Crispin; 16 Sordid; 19 Guilt; 20 Pour.



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A grand eight-bed Georgian mansion

A SPLENDID Grade II listed Georgian mansion with nearly 7,000 sq ft of living accommodation and set in around 3.5 acres of formal gardens and woodland is on the market priced at £995,000.

The property – Goldness House in Torton, Hartlebury – has been refurbished to a high standard and has eight double bedrooms, three bathrooms and dressing room, first and second floor landing rooms, grand reception hall with guest cloakroom, four reception rooms, bespoke fitted kitchen, butler pantry, laundry/utility and extensive cellarage.

The property originally dates from around 1790 with later Victorian additions and retains an abundance of original Georgian period features, and is on a grand scale to suit the needs of the largest of families and with room for staff if needed.

Architectural highlights include the imposing main entrance with Tuscan columns, the reception hall with spindled staircase, high ceilings with ornate moulded cornicing, corbelled archways, panelled doors and period architraves.

Both the dining room and sitting room feature impressive marble fireplaces and in the drawing room is an Italian white marble fireplace thought to pre-date the house.

The breakfast kitchen is fitted with a range of custom built painted oak wall and base cabinets with black granite work surfaces and limestone tiled floor and there are four superb reception rooms including the formal dining room and drawing room and a 27ft living room with double doors to a patio terrace.

Off the kitchen is a garden/family room and the first and second floors each have four double bedrooms, the master on the first floor having an en-suite shower room.

Cloakroom

Also on the first floor is a cloakroom and sumptuous house bathroom, and the second floor also has a dressing room and bathroom.

The gardens and grounds are a particularly impressive feature of the property, which stands unseen from the road and is approached by an impressive driveway entrance with electric gates on ball-capped pillars.

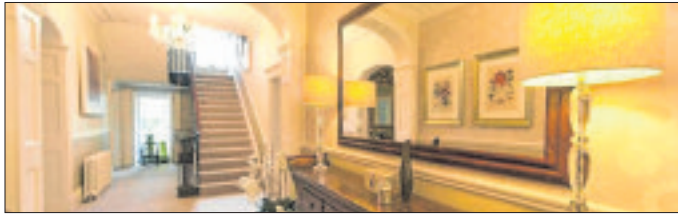
There are formal lawns to the front and rear of the house with extensive patio terracing and the lawns giving way to woodland, and there is planning permission for a substantial oak outbuilding in a corner of the grounds which could be used as a studio, summerhouse or office.

Adjoining the gardens is a separate parcel of land of around nine acres which is available by separate negotiation.

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The imposing entrance hall includes open staircase, cloakroom and ground floor bathroom

Much improved Lower Gornal link detached



The bungalow in Cedarwood Close is selling for offers around £179,950

A WELL-maintained and improved link detached bungalow in Lower Gornal is on the market priced at £179,950.

The property in Cedarwood Close benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing, and internal inspection is recommended.

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There are two bedrooms – one with French doors to the rear garden – and a shower room with cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Outside is a utility room with stainless steel sink drainer, base and wall cupboards, work surface and plumbing for automatic washing machine.

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- Kitchen, utility • Conservatory
- Tandem garage
- Block paved driveway
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £155,000
GORNAL WOOD

CINDER ROAD

- A fabulous traditional semi-detached
- Having been enhanced and extended
- Large 25' through lounge
- Dining room conversion
- Extended kitchen • Conservatory
- Three bedrooms • family bathroom
- Beautiful excellent size rear garden
- An ideal family home.
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region of £149,950
SEDGLEY

CROWN CLOSE

- A modern style Townhouse
- An ideal location close to Sedgely Village Centre
- Well Maintained & beautifully presented
- Lounge • Modern Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms & family bathroom
- Rear garden & off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - C

Offers in the region of £149,950
COSELEY

LEGGE LANE

- Spacious double fronted detached bungalow
- Refurbished to a high standard
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen, conservatory
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking • Garage at rear
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,950
DUDLEY

BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD

- Spacious three bed traditional semi
- Enhanced throughout • contemporary theme
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Lounge • Conservatory
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Driveway parking
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,950
LOWER GORNAL

ELAN CLOSE

- Modern three bed semi-detached
- Perfect first time buyers property
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge & open plan dining kitchen
- Guest WC
- Well maintained garden
- Off road parking
- Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950
TIPTON

SILVERTHORNE AVENUE

- A most delightful well presented 2 bed semi
- Spacious extended living space
- Modern dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Off road parking for 2 cars
- Viewing is a must
- EPC Rating - TBC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950
WOODCROSS, COSELEY

SWANN ROAD

- Traditional semi-detached property
- Situated on a large corner plot
- Beautifully presented accommodation
- Lounge • Modern dining kitchen
- Side lobby with downstairs w.c.
- Three bedrooms & shower room
- Upvc double glazing throughout.
- There is secure allocated parking
- Epc Rating - C

Offers in the region of £118,500
WOLVERHAMPTON

DURBERVILLE ROAD

- ideal property for a 1ST time buyer
- Well presented traditional style semi
- Lounge to the front.
- Rear sitting room with open plan dining area
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Most delightful rear gardens
- Off road parking
- Epc Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000
COSELEY

PAINTERS CROFT

- Modern style three bedroom semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Two reception rooms
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Pleasant landscaped rear garden
- Driveway parking
- Epc Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,750
DUDLEY

DENBEIGH CLOSE

- Stylish & Modern semi-detached
- Generous sized lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms
- En-suite off master bedroom
- Upvc double glazed throughout.
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500
WOODCROSS, COSELEY

CLARE CRESCENT

- Well maintained three bed semi
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Kitchen, side lobby/store room
- Upvc double glazing & central heating
- Off road parking
- Pleasant rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500
UPPER GORNAL

ROCK STREET

- Modernised mid terrace property
- Two reception rooms
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern upstairs shower room
- Gas Central heating
- Upvc double glazing (majority)
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

REDUCED TO £105,000
SEDGLEY

THE WYND

- REDUCED BY £10,000
- A traditional style 4 bedroom mid terrace
- Walking distance to Sedgely Centre
- Recently decorated throughout
- Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Off road parking
- Private rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950
DUDLEY PORT

JOHNS LANE

- Modern semi-detached
- Extra large end plot - suitable for development - subject to planning consent
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas central heating
- Double/triple glazed
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region of £99,950
DUDLEY

LIMES ROAD

- A modern semi-detached property
- Conveniently situated for Dudley Town Centre
- Kitchen & good size lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking for 4 cars
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Ideal first time buy
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region on £99,950
COSELEY

HARDING STREET

- A deceptively spacious mid terrace property
- Close to Coesley Train Station
- Full length Lounge & Dining Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- Rear Garden & potential for a driveway
- Open aspect views to the rear
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Epc Rating - D

Offers in the region on £89,950
HURST HILL, COSELEY

HARTLAND AVENUE

- DATE OF NOTICE: 26/03/2013 BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE IN POSSESSION WE WOULD ADVISE THAT AN OFFER OF £84,950 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE PROPERTY: 71 Hartland Avenue, WV14 9AN. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO MAKE AN INCREASED OFFER SHOULD NOTIFY THE AGENTS: Swinscoes, 3-5 Bilston Street, Sedgley - 01902 672274 OF THEIR BEST OFFER

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £84,950
COSELEY

REDWOOD AVENUE

- Ideal 1st time purchase/buy to let
- Modern ground floor flat
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom with built-in wardrobe
- Upvc double glazed
- Outside store
- Block paved driveway
- Epc Band D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £42,500

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4 Bed

Yew Tree Hills, NETHERTON



NEW



This immaculately presented and considerably extended detached home offers; sitting room, spacious lounge and separate dining room, useful downstairs w.c., refitted breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, the master of which has an ensuite and custom built bespoke wardrobes, family bathroom. Having UPVC double glazing, central heating, intruder alarm, superb landscaped gardens, large garage and block paved driveway to fore, this unique home needs to be viewed!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£229,950

4 Bed

Edinburgh Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED!!! This extended and beautifully presented property has an array of accommodation to include; entrance hall, lounge, games room, sitting room, store room, kitchen diner, four double bedrooms, the master having en-suite shower room, and house bathroom. Attractive rear garden and a block paved driveway providing parking for a number of vehicles. An internal inspection is essential in order to appreciate.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

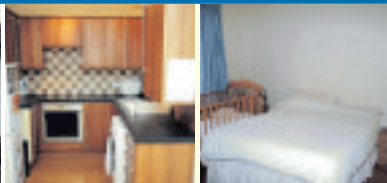
Offers Around
£164,950

3 Bed

Saltwells Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



A well presented and much improved three bedroom mid terrace property situated in this convenient location close to most amenities and the nearby Merry Hill Centre. Comprising, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Off Road Parking. Benefiting from central heating and double glazing, early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Over
£105,000

3 Bed

Awbridge Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



Being pleasantly situated on the ever popular Ednam Vale estate, this three bedroom semi-detached family home has the benefit of upvc double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), refitted kitchen and bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and recently landscaped rear garden. Being realistically priced, an early viewing is highly recommended to avoid missing out!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£129,995

3 Bed

Compton Drive, OAKHAM



NEW PRICE



Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location in the popular and sought after Oakham district, this detached family home briefly comprises; lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway for several vehicles and a double garage. An early viewing of this property is highly recommended.

EPC:E

Netherton Office

Or Near Offer
£182,000

3 Bed

Mayfair Close, DUDLEY



NEW PRICE



An improved and well presented three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising through lounge/diner, refitted kitchen, pleasant rear garden, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, separate garage, central heating and double glazing. Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location and close to Dudley town centre and major bus routes.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

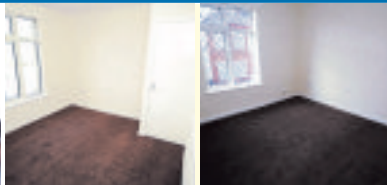
Offers Over
£115,000

1 Bed

Waverley Street, DUDLEY



NEW PRICE



We are delighted to offer to rent this recently re-furnished one bedroom first floor flat, situated in a short drive from Dudley Town centre and all the amenities it has to offer, with self contained entrance doorway and good sized accommodation to comprise of Lounge, Double Bedroom, Re-fitted Kitchen, Re-fitted bathroom. Double glazed and centrally heated. DSS Considered, Pet's Considered, Smokers Considered, No Children. DEPOSIT £495

An administration fee is payable - ask for details.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

£375 pcm

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WORDSWLEY**Friars Close**

This IMPRESSIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is superbly located within a highly sought after 'cul-de-sac', close to good schooling and shops, providing a BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation, comprising Reception Hall, generous Lounge, separate Dining Room, attractive fitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, modern Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the GENEROUS DRIVEWAY with CARPORT, GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys a private and sunny rear aspect. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950**WORDSWLEY****Gilbeys Close**

This EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys an enviable setting approached off Marine Crescent within this popular development and includes: Hall, SPLENDID 15 x 11.3 LOUNGE with designer fireplace, DINING ROOM with REFITTED KITCHEN 15 x 12 having French doors to garden and stainless steel appliances, THREE BEDROOMS (master with wardrobe), LUXURY REFITTED DESIGNER BATHROOM and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING plus UPDATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forelawn plus DRIVEWAY/PARKING, long 27' + DOUBLE GARAGE with Utility/Laundry facility and LAD OUT REAR PATIO AND GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£159,950**DUDLEY****The Broadway**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A particularly spacious, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and part Upvc double glazed semi detached of character requiring sympathetic updating. The comparatively spacious accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, under stairs store, sitting room, dining room, pantry, kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000**RUSSELLS HALL****Bushey Fields Road**

This gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£115,000**WORDSWLEY****Swanfield Road**

This traditional style, majority double glazed, gas centrally heated, two Bedroom Semi Detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Wet Room with white suite and a low maintenance Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£99,950**LOWER GORNAL**

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2006 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes: hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft through living/dining room (with 'walk in bay' & double french doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & a further laundry section, breakfast/tv room. Gallery landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed units & a shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £324,950**Coopers Bank Road****DUDLEY**

An imposing, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family residence that has been significantly upgraded over the years retaining a number of period features set in favoured cul de sac just off The Broadway. Magnificent accommodation includes reception hall (8'7" ceiling height), cloaks cupboard, separate dining room, through 18'6" sitting room with bay & open fireplace, upgraded breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer lobby, utility room, separate w.c. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, recently reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000**Priory Close****COSELEY****Southall Crescent**

CONSTRUCTED IN 2008 (and covered by balance of NHBC), a particularly SPACIOUS, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted detached set at head of lengthy block paved private driveway & comprising canopy porch, a posh 17ft reception hall, cloaks, fitted cloakroom, through lounge with patio doors through to uPVC double glazed brick CONSERVATORY with equipped kitchen with fine range of units & a utility room. THREE GENEROUS DOUBLE BEDROOMS (two with fitted/built in wardrobes & a principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, extensive block paved parking, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £230,000**DUDLEY**

A substantial, imposing, primarily uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated detached residence constructed (vendor advises) in the early 1950's to an exacting specification upon a fine corner plot. The property has been totally modernised & transformed in recent years carefully retaining or enhancing many period features included leaded/stained casements, wood block floors etc. and the superb accommodation includes elegant reception hall (9ft ceiling height), reapointed cloakroom, through sitting room with bay, spacious lounge/dining room with two bays (originally separate rooms), magnificent refitted breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, laundry section & double glazed garden room beyond. Gallery landing, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, stylish reapointed bathroom with white suite and chrome details. Brick/block paved paths, secluded garden, DOUBLE drive through garage with further secure parking beyond. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £259,950**The Broadway****LOWER GORNAL**

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft. reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reapointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £228,950**Ash Grove****COSELEY****Southall Crescent**

A particularly spacious, significantly modernised, improved EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed detached bungalow in quiet backwater convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall (8ft ceiling height), THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), bathroom, extended living/dining room with patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'IKEA' sourced cream finish units with range, utility room. Staircase up to boarded roof space with Velux skylights & fitted cupboards. Substantial brick DOUBLE GARAGE & further block paved parking, established secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £220,000**SEDGLEY**

FINAL OPPORTUNITY! - The former Show Home is the last plot remaining upon an exclusive gated development of just 6 dwellings on periphery of Sedgley recently constructed by Kinabron Homes by David Payne, renowned local builder, and covered by Premier Guarantee. 'The Buton' type comprises, to the Ground Floor: reception hall, fitted cloakroom & cupboard, separate dining room & transversal breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, to the First Floor: principal bedroom with shower room en suite, and a further walk-in wardrobe & transversal living room. To the Second Floor: three further bedrooms, and a bathroom. Three parking spaces, gardens. All viewings with Taylors, Sedgley Office. EPC Rating: Prescribed & PRICE TO INCLUDE CARPETS, CURTAINS, PICTURES ETC. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £204,950**COSELEY****Flamborough Way**

An attractive, gas centrally heated & 'oak effect' uPVC double glazed McLean built detached envitably situated virtually at head of cul de sac upon favoured development within reasonable distance of so many amenities, municipal park, bus/rail transport routes, etc. Accommodation provides entrance hall, lounge, dining room (with patio doors), upgraded kitchen, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Principal bedroom with fitted wardrobes & stylish reapointed shower room en suite, three further bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. No upward chain. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,950**PENSNETT****Tansley Green Road**

A HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL AND SUBSTANTIAL, PERIOD DETACHED FAMILY HOME, offering EXTREMELY GENEROUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, inner hall, large lounge, separate sitting room/dining room, attractively refitted dining kitchen, large utility room, ground floor w.c., FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. Having LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. EPC Rating F. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£189,950**DUDLEY****Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

VENDORS ADVISE NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £181,500**DUDLEY****Ripley Grove**

Recently built, exceptionally stylish (former showhome), gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached occupying fine corner plot & covered by remainder of NHBC. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with spacious fitted cloakroom, through lounge (with double french doors out to garden), good size dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with a fine range of units with many integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes & a shower room en suite - built in wardrobes to second bedroom), bathroom with white suite, landscaped garden & brick GARAGE to side. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £180,000**LOWER GORNAL****Ruilton Street**

An OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, and significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout and comprising: entrance hallway, boiler/cloakroom, 50'9" living/dining room, inner hallway, store, reapointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, two bedrooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Extensive gated parking, neat landscaped gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**GORNAL WOOD****Woodland Grove**

Envitably situated in short cul-de-sac just off Brick Kiln Lane where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached. The accommodation includes: reception hall, lounge, transverse 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen, and a dining room beyond, together with a 'garden room'. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy block paved driveway, brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**BRIERLEY HILL**

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest w.c., four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£174,950**UPPER GORNAL****Jews Lane**

UNEXPECTEDLY BACK ON SALE - A significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home in well regarded/convenient district with panoramic distant views and tremendous further potential. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 16'7" sitting room with patio doors, extended kitchen, three large bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) and a house bathroom, secure store, rear lobby & useful CELLARS. Delightful lengthy secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950**COSELEY****Winnall Close, Daisy Bank**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached envitably situated in quiet cul de sac conveniently situated for bus, RAIL services & other amenities and comprising reception hall, 23'4" lounge & a dining room (with patio doors) beyond, extended/refitted 15'10" kitchen, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, recently reapointed/re-tiled bathroom & separate toilet, good sized garage, secluded rear garden, parking to front. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

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NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises: entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of 'tight beech' units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Langland Drive**

A uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) link detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to a tremendous specification conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities, and enjoying PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from front. Superb accommodation includes: enlarged porch, transverse lounge with Living Flame feature gas fire, dining room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, recently refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances & wood block work surfaces. Three bedrooms, reapointed/refitted bathroom with stylish white suite. Garage, further store, professionally landscaped rear garden, and lengthy foregarden with block paved drive. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS: £178,950, NOW £174,950**SEDGLEY****Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

A tremendously EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enviably situated in favoured cul de sac. Stylish accommodation has been 'transformed' since initial purchase & comprises reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room, outstanding L-shape breakfast kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reapointed/refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Richmond Road**

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, semi detached enviably situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured with sky lights). Parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £168,500, NOW £165,500**COSELEY****Beechfield Grove, Bramford Estate**

A magnificent, comprehensively renovated, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an outstanding specification. Stylish accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, store, lounge with bay (8 log burner), dining room with bay, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' units & various integrated appliances, large utility/laundry room, separate toilet & a further reception room (alternative use as bedroom or office, etc.), three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, extensive parking, garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000**COSELEY****The Paddock**

SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached enviably situated opposite cricket ground within reasonable distance of rail/bus transport routes, etc. Much enhanced accommodation includes large entrance vestibule, reception hall, fitted cloaks/shower room, dining room, transverse 16'3" lounge, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, 23'2" garage, block paved driveway, secluded rear garden with substantial brick store. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950**UPPER GORNAL****Windmill Street**

A PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, significantly enhanced & successfully EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, recently refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances (double french doors to garden), pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with 'first quality' range of fitted units), reapointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE with utility room beyond & a shower room, neat gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**SEDGLEY****Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional, conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & double glazed semi detached set at head of cul de sac upon favoured development. Accommodation includes reception hall, dining room with bay, sitting room with patio doors, understair cloaks, enlarged kitchen, pantry, three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, large (21'2" x 12'5" contractors garage), garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950**LOWER GORNAL****Tennyson Road, Straits**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, (combi boiler) and double glazed semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained over the years with various improvement works, but there is further potential. Excellently situated upon favoured development convenient for so many amenities, the accommodation includes: reception hall, dining room, extended lounge (with patio doors), refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloaks/shower room, further utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom with shower. Garage, good sized garden, block paved drive. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £133,950**UPPER GORNAL****Greenhill Road**

This immaculately presented, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in a popular residential location & simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive property comprises entrance hall, stylish through lounge/dining room, splendid re-fitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, side lobby/utility, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway providing ample parking, garage & a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Hockley Road, Bramford Estate**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional, EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, rear lobby/utility, three bedrooms, shower room, garage, driveway, gardens to front & rear. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £129,950, NOW £126,450**DUDLEY****Oak Green, Old Park Farm estate**

An absolutely outstanding, comprehensive modernised & refurbished, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in established/convenient district. 'Transformed' by present vendors in recent months, the superb accommodation includes reception hall, magnificent lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite, sophisticated alarm system, potential off road parking, ample secluded turfied rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**WOODSETTON****Bourne Street**

This traditional style, bay fronted detached family home now requires sympathetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. The property is situated in popular residential location & briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, larger than average garage/secure parking to rear & low maintenance gardens. EPC Rating G. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £125,000, NOW £118,000**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,750**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Pickrell Road**

An extended & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated & part double glazed semi detached conveniently situated in an established district within reasonable distance of so many amenities/rail station, etc. Accommodation provides entrance porch, hall, sitting room, extended lounge/dining room, kitchen, extended principal bedroom with en suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, Front & rear gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £119,950, NOW £116,000**LOWER GORNAL****Central Drive**

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000**BRIERLEY HILL****NO UPWARD CHAIN****Stourbridge Road**

A traditionally styled and extended, gas centrally heated and vast majority double glazed three bedroomed semi detached property situated in this established residential location and available with no upward chain. With accommodation comprising: hall, front reception room, extended rear reception room, extended kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, well sized rear garden with private outlook and far reaching views, garage, burglar alarm, driveway. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £114,950**PENSNETT****Belmont Road**

Forming part of an established and convenient location which is well placed for local amenities, this TRADITIONAL, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating, but offers considerable potential to enhance the SPACIOUS AND VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, lounge, separate sitting room, breakfast kitchen, side veranda / J, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING. With lawned rear garden with shrubs, DRIVEWAY and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£99,950**DUDLEY****Pebworth Grove**

This modern, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), two bedroom semi detached home is well presented throughout & may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £95,000**COSELEY****Ettingshall Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home which is 'lucked away' just off Ettingshall Road, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, Front & rear gardens. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £90,000**BROCKMOOR****INVESTMENT POTENTIAL****Hulland Place**

Enjoying a position within this now established address, this MOST APPEALING AND WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM, MODERN SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING to briefly comprise: hall, guests cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Fore garden, drive and rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Investors with Cash Preferred. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£87,950**UPPER GORNAL****Stonepine Place**

A comparatively SPACIOUS, double glazed, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, Top floor apartment with tremendous distant views conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. 'Entry phone' style access system with accommodation including: reception hall, store, two double bedrooms, lounge with bay, 15 ft breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950**DUDLEY****Attingham Drive, Sovereign Heights**

50% SHARE. A stylish, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed First Floor apartment upon now well established development representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present vendors 50% share is available for sale. The accommodation includes: 'entry phone' access to communal entrance areas. No 68 comprises: central reception hall, 'open plan' living room/kitchen with a fine range of fashionable units, and various integrated appliances together with a balcony. TWO BEDROOMS, (principal bedroom with balcony and built-in wardrobe), part tiled bathroom with a white suite, Communal grounds & parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £44,950 for vendors 50% share**COSELEY****Yew Tree Lane**

60% SHARE FOR SALE - Extremely stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed first floor flat within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION. Vendors 60% share available for sale (remaining 40% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Individual front door to entrance lobby with staircase up to the first floor having lounge, overstar store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated oven/hob/extractor, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom. Allocated parking, secluded communal lawned grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Tipton
Glebefields Road

- Three bed semi with spacious reception rooms
- CH and DG
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Shower with W.C
- Forecourt parking with long side garage
- Energy Rating - FBC

£595pcm



Wednesbury
Durham Road

- Attractive three bed semi
- Bathroom with shower
- Generous forecourt
- Private garden
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office
- DG and GCH

£550pcm



West Bromwich
Nelson Street

- Extended two bedroom semi
- High glass marble flooring to ground floor
- Double shower and cloakroom
- Large
- Huge extended breakfast kitchen
- Excellent family bathroom
- ORP
- Private rear garden

£550pcm



Walsall
Field Road

- Two bed terrace property
- Ground floor refitted bathroom
- GCH and DG
- Refitted kitchen
- Available immediately
- Energy Rating - F
- 01902 732324

£525pcm



Dudley
Quentin Drive

- Three bed detached property
- CH & DG
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Large downstairs W/C
- Garage and ORP
- Alarmed
- Energy Rating - E
- Available May

£660pcm



Dudley
Madison Avenue

- Three bed town house
- Located opp Willfield Shopping Centre
- Large
- Downstairs WC
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£595pcm



Tividale
St Andrews Drive

- Three bed semi detached house
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fully fitted kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with electric shower
- Alarmed
- Garage and ORP
- Energy Rating - E

£575pcm



West Bromwich
Tame Street

- Three bed family home
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with gas cooker
- Bath and Shower
- Facilities
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Energy Rating - E

£575pcm



Wolverhampton
Willenhall Road

- Two bed purpose built maisonette on first and second floors
- Open plan kitchen incl appliances
- Double glazed accommodation
- Spacious en-suite bathroom with double shower
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Available immediately

£525pcm



Hagley
Millpool Close

- Two bed ground floor apartment
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Garage and parking space
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office
- 0121 520 2255

£525pcm



Tipton
Powis Avenue

- Three bed semi
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with bath and separate WC
- Rear garden with storage
- Energy Rating - E
- Available immediately

£525pcm



Coseley
Steven Drive

- Two Bed Semi
- Part furnished
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- CH & DG
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office

£525pcm



Bilston
Rose Street

- Spacious Three Bed Semi
- GCH & DG
- Open plan kitchen
- UPVC DG and GCH
- Fitted kitchen with electric cooker
- Integral garage
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D

£500pcm



Wednesbury
Devon Road

- Two bed semi detached
- Fitted kitchen
- Hall, spacious lounge
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Central heated
- Energy Rating - E

£495pcm



Dudley
Lister Road

- Deceptively spacious flat
- First floor. Private access
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Rear garden with storage
- Energy Rating - C
- Sedgley office

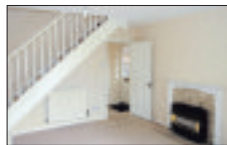
£450pcm



Wolverhampton
Shayler Grove

- Two bed semi
- Fully fitted kitchen with new cooker
- Unfurnished
- GCH
- Energy Rating - D

£475pcm



Tividale
Elm Terrace

- Two bed semi
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Rear garden with shed
- Central heated
- 0121 520 2255

£425pcm



Tipton
Bonneville Close

- One bed apartment
- DG & GCH
- Security intercom system
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge with Juliette balcony
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£410pcm



Willenhall
Leveson Street

- Spacious three bed terraced house
- Dining room
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating - D

£395pcm



Wolverhampton
Essington Way

- One bed ground floor flat
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£395pcm



Willenhall
Keats Road

- FF Two bed apartment
- Kitchen with Cooker
- Bathroom with Shower
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating - C

£350pcm



Kingswinford
Ragees Road

- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fully Furnished
- Bathroom with shower cubicle
- Double glazed throughout
- Kitchen with appliances
- Intercom access
- Energy Rating - D

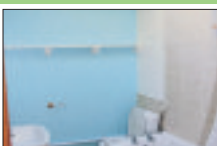
£350pcm



Coseley
Roseville Court

- Attractive SF flat
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen with appliances
- Spacious living room
- Bathroom with shower
- Convenient to Coseley village
- Energy Rating - E

£350pcm



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£289,950**LOWER GORNAL****CEDARWOOD ROAD**

A three-bedroom split level home that is arranged on two floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a magnificent lounge with panoramic views, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached double garage and a delightful garden with views of Ellowes Hall sports field and open countryside beyond. EPC rating D

£239,950**BROADLANDS****DUDMASTON WAY**

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£234,950**LOWER GORNAL****FIELDSTONE VIEW**

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£219,950**EARLS KEEP****HOPTON GARDENS**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£186,950**LOWER GORNAL****THORNLEIGH**

A three/four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a separate sitting room/bedroom four, a wet room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs WC, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£179,950**SEDGLEY****LIMES VIEW**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

£174,950**SEDGLEY****NETHERBY GREEN**

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£169,950**LOWER GORNAL****STRAITS ROAD**

A two bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and pleasant gardens. EPC rating B

£166,950**SEDGLEY****WOODBANK ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£164,950**LOWER GORNAL****CHAUCER AVENUE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge / dining room, a brand new fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a brand new bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950**LOWER GORNAL****DEEPPDALE LANE**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an elegant reception hall, a through lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a side verandah, a cellar, three good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950**SEDGLEY****NORTHWAY**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room / dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950**LOWER GORNAL****WINRUSH CLOSE**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£159,950**SEDGLEY****EAVES COURT DRIVE**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with open access to the conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£157,950**FAIRVIEW PARK****MANDERSTON CLOSE**

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating C

£156,950**SEDGLEY****TURLS HILL ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£152,950**DUDLEY****CLENT VIEW**

Clent View is a stunning development of brand new two and three-bedroom homes that are situated in a delightful cul-de-sac location adjacent to Buttery Park in Dudley. The Ludlow is a three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, master bedroom en-suite with two further bedrooms, family bathroom, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC rating B

£149,950**SEDGLEY****NORTHWAY**

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a sitting room, a conservatory, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC rating D

£139,950**COSELEY****HOSPITAL LANE**

NO CHAIN. A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful rear garden that incorporate a workshop. EPC rating E

£126,950**LOWER GORNAL****RUITON STREET**

A two bedroom end terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen, a guest cloakroom, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a garage situated at the rear of the property. EPC rating C

£121,950**LOWER GORNAL****SHADWELL DRIVE**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a superb dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£119,950**COSELEY****BERRINGTON DRIVE**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, a driveway, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£117,950**SEDGLEY****KINGS ROAD**

A three bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating and a delightful rear garden. EPC rating E

£109,950



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A traditional three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, upstairs shower room, garden to the rear and driveway to the front

£127,000

Dudley
RUSSELL STREET

NEW
INSTRUCTION

A two bedroom traditional mid terraced house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms (one bedroom currently split into two rooms) and garden to the rear

£82,500

Netherton
CRESCENT ROAD

NEW
INSTRUCTION

A deceptively spacious three bedroom end terraced house briefly comprising of lounge, inner hallway with door to cellar, second reception room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, three good size bedrooms and garden to the rear with two brick built sheds

£90,000

GORNAL
Brook Street

NEW
PRICE

A three/four bedroom mid terraced house with lounge/dining room, second reception room/4th bedroom, downstairs wc, driveway and garden to the rear with jacuzzi included

£127,500

ROWLEY REGIS
Brickhouse Road

SOLD
SIMILAR
PROPERTIES
REQUIRED

A three bedroom semi detached house in need of some modernisation with hallway, lounge, second reception room, kitchen, upstairs bathroom and gardens to the front and rear

£75,000

TIVIDALE
Hoylake Drive

Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£159,950

NETHERTON
Trysull Way

An immaculate three bedroom semi detached house with accommodation briefly comprising of hallway, lounge, kitchen with dining area, conservatory, upstairs shower room, detached garage, rear gardens and a large driveway to the front

£154,950

BRADLEY
Wesley Street

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DUDLEY
Himley Road

An impressive five bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with amazing views. The house briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, third reception room, fitted kitchen, cellar, utility room, shower room, further bathroom on first floor, driveway to the rear, garage and garden

£174,950

WEDNESBURY
Bagnalls Wharf

A first floor modern apartment with hallway, lounge, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom and a balcony from the lounge overlooking the canal, allocated parking and secure entry system

£80,000

OLDBURY
Regan Drive

An immaculately presented three bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining area, conservatory, fitted kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, driveway, garage and gardens to the front and rear. No upward chain.

£169,950

TIPTON
Upper Church Lane

SOLD
SIMILAR
PROPERTIES
REQUIRED

A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear

£94,950

DUDLEY
Priory Road

A three bedroom semi detached house situated on a generous corner plot with hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen with dining area, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, driveway to the rear and gardens to the front and rear

£109,950

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A superb collection of four two bedroom brand new properties built by Parkes Homes with LABC warranty. Briefly comprising Hallway, Dining Kitchen, Lounge, DW, En-suite Shower Room with allocated parking and private rear garden. Generous specification throughout. Call Jeanette on 07583 580019

£119,950

DUDLEY
Birmingham Road

A three bedroom semi detached house in need of some modernisation with hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen, upstairs bathroom and gardens to the front and rear

£89,950

PENSNETT
Chapel Street

A three bedroom semi detached house which is well presented throughout with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway to the front and gardens to the rear

£94,950

HALESOWEN
Bath Meadow

SOLD
SIMILAR
PROPERTIES
REQUIRED

A modern three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, kitchen with dining area, downstairs wc, driveway and gardens to the front and rear

£129,950

DUDLEY
Ruiton Street

NEW
PRICE

A brand new one bed apartment in the popular Lower Gornal area, with secure off road parking. Having a lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom. Unfurnished, no DSS, no pets. Available now.

£460 PCM

COSELEY
Bank Street

NEW
PRICE

A detached three bedroom house with off road parking and detached single garage. Through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integral fridge. Downstairs WC and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now, no DSS.

£575 PCM

DUDLEY
The Parade

LET

A three bed semi-detached house with two reception rooms and fitted kitchen. Downstairs WC and utility house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath upstairs. Unfurnished, available now for long term rental. Garage and front and rear gardens. No pets, no DSS.

£595 PCM

DUDLEY
Pages Croft

TO LET

A modern two bedroom ground floor apartment. Having open plan lounge and kitchen area to include built in appliances. Master bedroom with en-suite, bathroom. Secure entry, allocated parking. No DSS, no pets, available now.

£525 PCM

WOLLASTON
Gerald Road

NEW
INSTRUCTION

A modern detached house in popular location. Lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integral appliances. Three good size bedrooms, house bathroom with wc. Off road parking and garage. Rear garden. No Dss, available to view now.

£750 PCM

DUDLEY
View Drive

TO LET

A first floor, purpose built two bed flat with partial double glazing and electric heating. Lounge/diner with fitted kitchen off, one double and one single bedroom, shower/WC. Single garage available. Unfurnished, available now.

£400 PCM

CRADLEY HEATH
Victoria Gardens

LET

A modern one bedroom apartment. Lounge, kitchen with appliances, bathroom with shower. Electric solar heating panels. One double bedroom. Available now for viewings. NO DSS. NO PETS.

£425 PCM

TIPTON
Gordon Drive

NEW
INSTRUCTION

A three bed detached house with double glazing, central heating. Open plan lounge with dining room off. Fitted kitchen, downstairs wc and house bathroom. Good sized established rear garden, garage and off road parking. No Dss. No pets.

£595 PCM

TIVIDALE
Elizabeth Mews

LET

Two bedroom semi-detached house located in cul de sac. New fitted kitchen with brand new oven/hob. New bathroom with shower. Central heating & double glazing. Enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished. No Dss. No Pets. Available now

£495 PCM

ROWLEY REGIS
Knowle Road

NEW
PRICE

Recently refurbished three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge with separate dining room. Fitted kitchen with oven/extractor. Bathroom with shower. Unfurnished. No Dss. Available now to view

£540 PCM

DUDLEY
Bean Road

NEW
INSTRUCTION

Two bedroom 1st floor flat, lounge, Kitchen includes appliances, bathroom with shower, part or unfurnished, central heating & double glazing, dss considered with guarantor & good references, available now.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
Queens Cross

TO LET

A two bedroom end terrace house. Lounge, kitchen/dining room. Central heating and double glazing. Courtyard to the rear of the property. Available now, Dss considered with guarantor and good references.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
High Street

TO LET

A first floor two bedroom apartment in the centre of Dudley. Open plan lounge and fitted kitchen. two good size bedrooms, central heating. Unfurnished, available now.

£450 PCM

DUDLEY
Grosvenor Road

LET

A three bedroomed bungalow in a popular area with garage to rear, good sized lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 3, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath, Gardens to front and rear. Unfurnished, available for viewing now

£595PCM

LYE
Hill Street

NEW
INSTRUCTION

A modern, three bed mid terraced town house with accommodation over three floors - good sized fitted kitchen, lounge with patio doors. Main bedroom with en-suite shower/WC, Off road parking. No DSS, no pets. Unfurnished.

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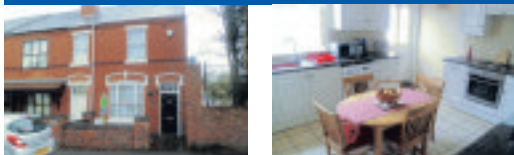
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•EPC D•An Improved Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge & Dining Room•Refitted Kitchen•Conservatory•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Block Paved Driveway

£140,000

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CARDONESS PLACE

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•EPC RATING AWAITED•A Bay Fronted Extended Detached Property•Four Bedrooms•Bedroom Four Leads From Bedroom Two•Front & Extended Rear Reception Rooms•Kitchen & Utility Room•Ground Floor Guest Cloakroom•Driveway Parking•Garage•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•No Chain

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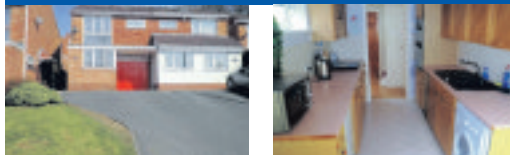
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•An Extended Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Through Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•Breakfast Room•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating

£125,000

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OAKHAM



OAKHAM

•EPC RATING D•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Rear Lounge•Fitted Dining Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive•Viewing Recommended

£119,000

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LANGSTONE ROAD

•An Extended Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms•Extended Kitchen•Extended Dining Room•Lounge•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Garage•Driveway

£100,000

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COSELEY



IVYHOUSE LANE

•EPC RATING E•A Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Refitted Dining Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•Drive•No Chain

£140,000

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TIVIDALE



WESTON AVENUE

•EPC RATING AWAITED•Three Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Kitchen Diner•First Floor Bathroom•Ground Floor Shower Room•Utility Area•Garage•Drive

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350pcm

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Tipton



Palethorpe Road

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500PCM

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Bilston



Pointon Close

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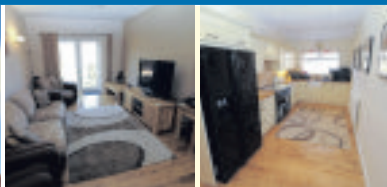
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4 Bed

Yew Tree Hills, NETHERTON



NEW



This immaculately presented and considerably extended detached home offers; sitting room, spacious lounge and separate dining room, useful downstairs w.c., refitted breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, the master of which has an ensuite and custom built bespoke wardrobes, family bathroom. Having UPVC double glazing, central heating, intruder alarm, superb landscaped gardens, large garage and block paved driveway to fore, this unique home needs to be viewed!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£229,950

4 Bed

Edinburgh Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED!!! This extended and beautifully presented property has an array of accommodation to include; entrance hall, lounge, games room, sitting room, store room, kitchen diner, four double bedrooms, the master having en-suite shower room, and house bathroom. Attractive rear garden and a block paved driveway providing parking for a number of vehicles. An internal inspection is essential in order to appreciate.

EPC:C

Netherton Office

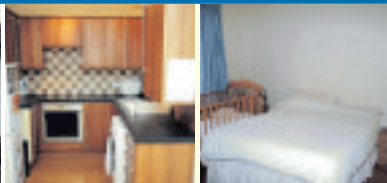
Offers Around
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3 Bed

Saltwells Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



A well presented and much improved three bedroom mid terrace property situated in this convenient location close to most amenities and the nearby Merry Hill Centre. Comprising, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Off Road Parking. Benefitting from central heating and double glazing, early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

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Offers Over
£105,000

3 Bed

Awbridge Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



Being pleasantly situated on the ever popular Ednam Vale estate, this three bedroom semi-detached family home has the benefit of upvc double glazing and gas central heating (where specified), refitted kitchen and bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and recently landscaped rear garden. Being realistically priced, an early viewing is highly recommended to avoid missing out!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£129,995

3 Bed

Compton Drive, OAKHAM



NEW PRICE



Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location in the popular and sought after Oakham district, this detached family home briefly comprises; lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs w.c., family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway for several vehicles and a double garage. An early viewing of this property is highly recommended.

EPC:E

Netherton Office

Or Near Offer
£182,000

3 Bed

Mayfair Close, DUDLEY



NEW PRICE



An improved and well presented three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising through lounge/diner, refitted kitchen, pleasant rear garden, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, separate garage, central heating and double glazing. Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location and close to Dudley town centre and major bus routes.

EPC:C

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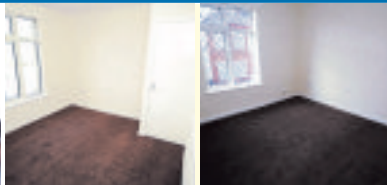
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Waverley Street, DUDLEY



NEW PRICE



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EPC:D

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Lot 70	57 Lyndon Road, Solihull, West Midlands	Residential Investment
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Lot 72	164 Bridge Street West, Newtown, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment
Lot 73	28 Glebe Farm Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 74	24 Hay Green Lane, Bournville, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 75	1 Little Park, Quinton, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 76	39 North Street, Dudley	Residential Investment
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Himley Avenue Dudley **149,950**

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Prices Road Gornal Wood **124,950**

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Keelinge Street Tipton **84,950**

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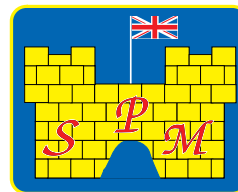
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The new Skoda Octavia setting high standards

SKODA has done it again – improved on what was already an excellent car.

The latest Octavia is bigger than before (and it was one of the most spacious in its class already) and improved in so many ways with lots of technology that does not just make your motoring life more comfortable but an awful lot safer too. It's based on the platform that underpins the latest Seat Leon

By Sharon Walters

and VW Golf, but it has a longer wheelbase and an extended rear overhang to help distance it from those two siblings from the same ultimate stable.

Even though prices have risen by around £2,000 compared with the out-

going Octavia, the replacement is much better equipped and is in fact better value for money.

There's a choice of two turbo petrol engines and two diesels, with an ultra-efficient 89g/km Greenline set for later this year, and a not-to-be-missed 217bhp vRS hot hatch. Can't wait to try that! On a test route that took in winding back roads and a stretch of motorway the drive was pleasant with little effect from the bumps and potholes encountered.

Refinement is good, too. There was little tyre rumble or wind noise and the atmosphere is good in the cabin which has a good quality finish. There is so much space for passengers that I imagined the boot capacity would be compromised – but no, you get a massive space.

You also get Velero dividers, a reversible floor with one side carpeted and the other wipe-clean rubber for when you carry dirty dogs!

The parcel shelf neatly stores away flush with the rear seats which means you don't leave it lying around or taking up valuable load space.

There are three trims – S, SE and Elegance – and across the range you get

more than German marques offer including air-conditioning, smart alloy wheels, seven airbags, stability control, Bluetooth, DAB radio, six-disc CD changer and a USB socket. And now take a breath . . . much more to mention but not enough space.

Go up to up to SE trim and you also get such goodies as rear parking sensors, dual-zone climate control, front foglights and rear electric windows. Invest in the range-topping Elegance and the sat-nav is superb, there are larger alloys, leather upholstery, cruise control and automatic lights and wipers.

Emissions

It is excellent value for money, is generally cheaper to insure than rivals and has lower CO2 emissions with the diesel escaping the London Congestion Charge – the car is really a winner.

Taking a look back over the history of the Octavia you discover that 44 in every 100 Skodas built are Octavias and more than 3.7 million have been sold since the first ones arrived back in 1996 – that makes me feel really old. No wonder such effort has been put into making the new Octavia even more successful to build on such incredible success.

The new Octavia line-up starts at £15,990 for a 1.2-litre petrol model in S trim, rising to £23,240 for the range-topping 2.0 diesel automatic.

Forget the badge snobbery and go out and buy a Skoda Octavia.



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Peugeot 2008, the new compact crossover, is an exciting addition to the brand line-up

The stunning new 2008

AFTER the 208 next comes the 2008. Peugeot's stunning new compact crossover – making its world debut in road-ready production trim – builds on the success of the popular supermini and was one of the stars of the 2013 Geneva Motor Show.

With its perfect mix of contemporary styling, clean and efficient engines, plus a versatile cabin, it's an exciting addition to the brand's already comprehensive line-up.

The 2008 is the latest expression of Peugeot's renewed brand positioning on its move up market and clearly visible in the 208. The 2008 signals the marque's arrival in a highly competitive sector, pushing customers' expectations to a new level. The car oozes desirability, with an athletic design, engaging driving experience, high levels of comfort and equipment, and outstanding quality in materials and finish. Further enhancing Peugeot's strategy of boosting its crossover range to attract new customers, the 2008 is a truly global car. It addresses the increasing demands of cus-

tomers around the world and is the first vehicle produced by the marque which has been designed, developed and engineered simultaneously by employees based in Europe, China and Latin America. Vehicles for Europe will be produced in the factory in Mulhouse, France.

The 2008 brings a new level of innovation to the B-segment by combining the expertise and experience of two acclaimed Peugeot vehicles – the award-winning 3008 and the new 208 supermini.

Characterful

With a characterful on-the-road presence, the 2008 is intended for young city-dwellers who love the urban environment but also enjoy escaping from it.

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Asian call goes out to encourage footballers

DUDLEY is to host a round of the inaugural Asian Football Awards Fives tournament.

The national tournament is open to Asian players and teams and is designed to encourage and develop grassroots talent within Asian communities in the UK.

The Goals Soccer Centre, Cakemore Road, is one of 22 across the country to stage a qualifying heat. It takes place on June 2 from 6pm.

The winners go on to the national finals at Goals Gillette Corner in West London on August 18.

Scouts and coaches from the professional game will attend regional heats and the national final.

The winners get a training day at Liverpool FC's training facility in Melwood and a table at the Asian Football Awards at Wembley Stadium in October.

Goals Dudley general manager Gareth Cheadle said: "This is a great opportunity for us to support and showcase the talent coming through at grassroots level within our local Asian community."

"It is also a chance for players to win a prize money can't buy. We therefore look forward to seeing as many teams as possible."

Tournament registration is through Goals Dudley on 0121 561 3000 and costs £30 per team of eight which can include only three players of a non-Asian background.

Jones fails to hit cash

BRIERLEY HILL darter Mark Jones missed out on the money stages and returned home empty-handed from the PDC's UK Open qualifiers at Wigan's Robin Park Centre.

Jones couldn't get past his opening match despite receiving a first-round bye in Saturday's event, failing to keep up with Jason Hogg who won 6-3.

'Little Mon' returned to the same venue for Sunday's tournament and fared better in a close-contest against Dave Ladley, progressing with a 6-4 victory.

But he came unstuck despite pushing Dutchman Alex Roy all of the way, losing 6-5 in the last leg.

Nonetheless, Jones remains 62nd in the PDC Order of Merit.



Fortknocks karate club members with medals and trophies. Back, from left, Audun Daniels, Matthew Anderson, Emma Bradley, Callum Sheldon, Joshua Jones and Paul Thompson. Front, Jack Preece, Bradley Smith, Lucy Sheldon and Alexia Edwards

Fortknocks hit gold

MEMBERS of Dudley's Fortknocks Shukokai Karate club plundered four gold, two silver and six bronze medals at the SKF national championships.

Emma Bradley took gold in the cadet senior under-12s Kata (forms), and Kumite heavyweight (fighting). She competes in the European Championships next month in Helsinki, Finland.

Paul Thompson stormed to gold in the junior men's open and took silver in the adult junior kata event.

The improving Jack Preece won the cadet five to eight years Kata event and claimed bronze in the Kumite heavyweight section.

Preece, Lucy Sheldon and Bradley Smith narrowly lost out in the final of the cadet under-nines team Kumite event and

Karate

Sheldon took bronze in the cadet under-nines Kata. Her brother Callum claimed a bronze from the cadet under-12 Kumite heavyweight event.

Bradley, Callum Sheldon and Matthew Anderson won bronze in the under-12s team Kumite while the former two took bronze in the team Kata senior pairs.

Lucy Sheldon and Preece also took bronze in the team Kata under-10s junior event.

As well as Bradley, sensei Audun Daniels is also in training for the European championships.

For details on the club, call 07903 954894 or visit www.shukokaifortknocks.co.uk

Death of ex-Football League referee, 82

FORMER Football League referee Bill Castle, of Sedgley, has died at the age of 82 following a long illness.

The retired sales rep, who spent seven years refereeing professional matches, passed away last week at a Wolverhampton nursing home.

He took charge of a match between Manchester United and Liverpool at Old Trafford and was a linesman at Wembley for the 1969 League Cup final between Arsenal and Swindon.

He leaves a wife, Margaret, a daughter, Anne, and a son, Steve.

Steve said: "He was the longest-serving member of Wolverhampton Referees' Association and picked up his 50-year award at a dinner in Birmingham."

"He was brought up in Sedgley and, with it only being a small place, everybody knew him."

"In those days there were only two games each week on Match of the Day so people he knew would see him on TV and kids would often ask him about the games when they saw him the next day."

"He started off in Wolverhampton works and amateur leagues and progressed through the Midlands leagues before reaching the Football League, first as a linesman and then 'in the middle' from the mid-60s to the mid-70s."

His funeral will be at All Saints Church, Sedgley, on April 24 at 11.15am.

Cyclists recover from hell ride

IT was a case of hell and back for seven Stourbridge Cycling Club riders. They entered the 'Hell of the North Cotswolds' cycle trial, a 100km route of bridleways and farm tracks.

As an early-season reliability ride, no times or placings are recorded - the object is purely to finish.

The popular event, based on the countryside around Winchcombe, attracted nearly 1,500 riders this year.

Stourbridge CC rider Roger Allen said it was "incredibly tough".

Dudley Sports

Dudley Sports Juniors results
Dudley Sports U9 West 2, Billbrook U9 North 1, Dudley Sports U13 5 Newbridge Rangers U13 3, Rio Saints U14 Juniors 1 Dudley Sports U14 5, Dudley Sports Dynamos 4 Legion Lions 0, Dudley Sports U16 3 West Hagley U16 North 2.

Late try by Carpenter chisels out a vital win

Luctonians 12 Dudley Kingswinford 14
DUDLEY KINGSWINFORM put their desperate form on the road behind them to eke out a precious National Two North victory.

DK trailed 12-6 in the second half, but closed the gap with a Gareth Bown penalty before Joe Carpenter dummied over for the match-winning score. DK made a number of changes after last week's narrow defeat by Bromsgrove.

Dan Shakespeare made a start at tight head and Ed Parry, back from holiday, joined Nick Murphy in the second row engine room.

Jimmy Gore replaced the injured Matt Farrington on the wing.

Constant rain turned the first half into an attritional affair. The heavier Lucts pack looked as though they would get the upper hand, only to drop the ball or cough it up into willing DK hands.

An evenly-contested game was scoreless for 30 minutes before Bown found the target with a long-range penalty.

This spurred the home side forward and they camped on the DK line.

Foul

A five-metre scrum saw the home side control the ball for scrum-half Nathan Roy-Smith to touch down.

But Lucts then fell foul of the referee once too often and Bown kicked his second penalty just before half-time to give the visiting side a 6-5 lead at the break.

As the second half began, the remorseless rain heralded more pressure from Lucts' pack and after a catch and drive the impressive

Rugby union

No.8 Ed Taylor crashed over from short range for a try converted by Geraint Langdon and the slender half-time lead had been wiped out within a minute.

However, this was day when the young, inexperienced DK team came of age. Spurred on by captain Ed Parry, they dug in.

Gradually the pack gained parity and a Bown penalty began the momentous fight-back, stepped up by the tireless DK back row and continued by the three-quarters.

A flowing move saw DK score the best try of the game as the impressive Carpenter touched down midway through the half.

Luctonians redoubled their efforts and pressed relentlessly on the DK line but the visitors defended magnificently.

As the clock ticked down, DK held their nerve and their discipline to hold out.

DK felt if they could survive initially in this league they would establish and mature a team at that level.



Dudley Kingswinford's Gareth Bown kicks for goal



Joe Carpenter plunges over to land the winning score for DK



Scrum-half Connor Jones makes a break for DK during the visitors' narrow victory



Stefan Shillingford on the move



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Sphinx jinx with Horton's howlers

**Coventry Sphinx 4
Tipton Town 2**

A CALAMITOUS performance by stand-in goalkeeper Jamie Horton saw Tipton beaten in the Midlands Alliance.

Town were seeking solace after their recent League Cup semi-final defeat by Loughborough University.

But they were unable to overcome one of their jinx sides – Coventry Sphinx. And Horton was a factor.

It all began positively for the keeper turning aside a daisy-cutter from Ben Atkins then fisting away home skipper Kyle Rhodes' curlier after Mitch Plows conceded a free-kick.

However, the keeper boomed alarmingly seven minutes later when he came out to take a routine airborne ball and mishandled, presenting the lurking Rhodes with a simple finish.

The goal knocked Tipton out of their stride.

In a brief rally by Tipton, Richard Huckfield headed just over and Danny Dubidat blazed and wide.

He then had a sidefoot effort was pushed aside by home keeper Carl O'Neill.

In the 49th minute Ashley Jackson's low free-kick squirmed from the grasp of Horton to make it 2-0 before Tipton equalised through Dubidat and Huckfield.

But Sphinx responded when Ashley Jackson met Rhodes' deep cross to beat the exposed Horton.

Tipton's fate was sealed when a routine backpass in the 85th minute bobbled past the fated Horton for Mark Bannister to score.

A champion lesson given

TAEKWONDO students got a lesson from a world champion.

Triple world kickboxing champion Rob Taylor gave a master class at the Verve club, which teaches in Kingswinford and Stourbridge.

Taylor took his team of multiple champions to give instructions at a three-hour seminar covering skills from basic to world class levels.

Verve instructor Carl Trevitt said: "It was a fantastic day."

"We had students of all ages and grades, everyone learned so much – we can't wait for the next one."

For more information on Verve, contact Trevitt on 07843 947736.



Champion Reanne Evans

Reanne rules as she pots a ninth title

Snooker

DUDLEY snooker ace Reanne Evans has won the women's world snooker championship final for a record ninth year in succession.

And Evans compiled two century breaks in the process.

The 27-year-old accounted for fellow Dudley player and world No.1 Maria Catalano 6-3 in the World Ladies Billiards & Snooker Association's showpiece event at Cambridge Snooker Centre.

Evans said of her record: "Nobody ever dreams about doing things like that. I'm over the moon. I play every

tournament like it's a fresh one, otherwise there's too much pressure. "The pressure's on me to lose it, not for them to win it."

It was the fourth time in five years that the friends from Dudley, had met in the world final.

Evans started with a 100 clearance in the first frame and added a 60 and a 117 clearance straight after the mid-session interval to lead 5-2.

Catalano, 30, still seeking a first

world title, pulled one back with a run of 44 but Evans wrapped things up in the next.

"It's good to have two centuries, especially in a final," said the champion. "It's good to bring it off the practice table, because I do it all the time in practice."

Elsewhere, Hannah Jones claimed her fifth junior title. The 16-year-old from Derby beat 13-year-old Jasmine Bolsover 3-0 in the final. In the main event, Jones put out No.2 seed Emma Bonney 3-0 and topped her round-robin group

before being knocked out 3-0 by Yu Ching Ching in the quarter-finals.

Hong Kong compatriots Ng On Yee and So Man Yan, champions in 2011, accounted for Maureen Rowland and Tatjana Vasiljeva 2-0 to collect their second Ladies Pairs crown.

Suffolk duo Fran Calvert and Aidan Owens edged WLSA president Mandy Fisher and Phil Mumford 3-2 in the Mixed Pairs final. Jenny Poulter, of Maidstone, clinched her third Seniors title by beating Marianne Williams 3-0.

Quigley runs into trouble

BRIERLEY HILL motorcyclist Luke Quigley was left disappointed after a gearbox problem cost him his first points of the season at round two of the British Superbike Championship.

He was 12th before a gear selector issue caused him to slip back to just outside the points in race one, before a further gearbox fault proved terminal in race two.

After a difficult season opener, the MH Kawasaki showed signs of improvement during practice.

Quigley was 19th fastest during the only dry session.

A torrential downpour on Saturday stopped further qualifying, leaving Quigley 19th on the grid but he made a fantastic start to the opening race, climbing to 13th on the opening lap.

He was up to 12th a lap later before the gear problems saw him slip back to 16th and an agonising 0.4s outside of the points.

In race two, he was forced to retire on lap eight.

Quigley said: "It is a disappointing way to end the weekend. The MH Kawasaki guys have worked hard to keep developing the bike and we have shown sign of improvement."

Pride for Lions with semi win

**Halas Hawks Girls U14 0
Sedgley White Lions Girls U14 5**
SEDLLEY roared into the League Cup final with a convincing victory.

They went 1-0 up when Phoebe Cox met Chelsea Hall's corner.

Cox's inch-perfect pass then put Mary Billington Brown in for the second.

Cox set up Olivia Riese for 3-0; Bethany Male and Hall rounded it off.

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RIVALS, BUT NO RIFT DECLARES MORRIS

DUDLEY HEATHENS skipper Ashley Morris will face up to former favourite Tom Perry in Tuesday's British Under-21 final at Monmore Green – and he's put the record straight over suggestions of a rift between the two.

Morris, 19, scored a maximum in Dudley's home win over Coventry last week and is one of the favourites for the title.

But he's keen to emphasise that he remains good friends with Perry, who is now with Somerset and the Isle of Wight and finished runner-up to Joe Haines in last year's final.

"There has been a lot of mischief-making by people about Tom and me, but we're good mates," said Morris, who also tracks in the Premier League with Worthington.

"We get on great and there was no need for anyone else to poke their nose in."

"Having said that, we will want to beat each other on Tuesday!"

Speed

"It should be a good meeting. Obviously with it being at Monmore there will be a bit of track advantage, but riders like Tom will know what they're doing here too."

"I'll definitely be looking to make the most of the home track advantage."

"As long as I can make some gates and ride sensibly, I should have enough speed around Monmore to stay ahead, so I should be all right."

"Having the Dudley fans behind me will be great and I'm sure they will be giving loads of support like they always do."

Heathens are hosting the event on behalf of the British Speedway Promoters' Association.

They have taken the decision to peg admission prices at normal National League level. Admission is £11

Speedway

adults, £8 concessions, £2 children and the souvenir programme will cost £3.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "As a club we are extremely honoured to be staging this major national event for a second successive season."

"And the decision to peg admission prices underlines our commitment to providing supporters with value for money."

Dudley Heathens season tickets are not valid for this meeting.

British Under-21 final line-up:
Jason Garrity (Rye House), Shane Hazelden (King's Lynn Young Stars), Robert Branford (Unattached), Darryl Ritchings (Isle of Wight), Ashley Morris (Worthington/Dudley), Max Clegg (Dudley), Ben Morley (Kent), Josh Bates (Scunthorpe/Mildenhall), Stefan Nielsen (Somerset/Mildenhall), Kyle Howarth (Poole/Workington), Matt Williamson (Buxton), Tom Perry (Somerset/Isle of Wight), Danny Stoneman (Isle of Wight), James Sarjeant (Coventry Storm), Dan Greenwood (Dudley), Joe Jacobs (Glasgow/Coventry Storm). **Reserve:** Liam Carr (unattached)

Dudley travel to Coventry tomorrow looking to seal victory in the Travel Plus Trophy. They beat the Storm 60-35 at Monmore last week – a match in which all seven of their riders had at least one paid win – and will be firm favourites to clinch overall victory.



Ashley Morris, left, and Tom Perry prepare to square up in the British Under-21 final. Picture: John Hipkiss Photography



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